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ENDLESS COLUMNS OF GERMAN TROOPS ROLLING INTO BULGARIA: HITLER'S NOTE LAST ATTEMPT TO DRIVE WEDGE BETWEEN TURKEY AND BRITAIN

SEEMINGLY ENDLESS COLUMNS OF GERMAN TROOPS ARE ROLLING INTO BULGARIA, STATES A MESSAGE FROM SYDNEY. WAR MATERIALS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION ARE POURING IN AND GERMAN PLANES IN BULGARIAN AERODROMES ARE BEING PAINTED WITH THE BULGARIAN COLOURS AND ARE READY TO TAKE OFF AT ANY MOMENT THAT THE BRITISH AIR FORCE APPEARS TO ATTACK BULGARIA.

The same message describes Herr Hitler's message to the President of Turkey as a last attempt to drive a wedge between Turkey and Britain.

IN HIS MESSAGE HERR HITLER IS REPORTED TO HAVE ASSURED ANKARA THAT GERMANY HAS NO INTENTION OF ATTACKING TURKEY OR THE DARDANELLES.

THE TURKISH CABINET HELD A SPECIAL MEETING YESTERDAY TO CONSIDER THE MESSAGE. THE SESSION WAS LENGTHY AND CONTINUED FOR MANY HOURS THROUGH THE NIGHT.

The Turkish Government has asked all industries to report immediately on their stock and production programmes.

TURKEY IS BASTION OF ISLAM

No hint as to the contents of the message which Hitler sent to the President of Turkey has come either from Berlin or from the Turkish capital, states a London message.

THE NEW YORK TIMES reports that there is not the slightest disposition to allow German guarantees to affect the course which Turkey has decided on.

The Emir of Transjordan has declared that if Turkey is attacked the whole of the Arab world will rush to her aid. He declared that Turkey was the bastion of Islam in the east.—(Special)

POPOFF TO RESIGN

It is reported in well-informed circles that M. Popoff, the Bulgarian Foreign Minister, will shortly resign, states a London message.

The excuse is that he has been in ill-health but the more probable reason is that he declined to go with the Premier, M. Filoff, to Vienna to sign the Tripartite Pact.

It is probable that M. Filoff will take over the Foreign Ministry in place of M. Popoff.—(Special)

MISSIONS TERMINATED

VICHY, Mar. 5 (Reuter)—The Belgian and Polish Ministers to Bulgaria and the Netherlands Charge d'Affaires have been informed by M. Popoff, that their missions were considered to have terminated, according to a Sofia despatch.

It is added M. Popoff asked them to arrange to leave the country "in view of the situation recently created."

A MEMORANDUM FROM MATSUOKA TO CHURCHILL

A memorandum from the Japanese Foreign Minister, in reply to the British Note, was handed by Mr. Shigemitsu, Japanese Ambassador in London, to Mr. Churchill when he called on the Premier at No. 10 Downing Street yesterday, states a London message.

The memorandum is described as being in cordial terms and it made clear that Mr. Matsuoka had no intention of making any specific order of mediation in the present war.

This message finally clears up the confusion which existed on that point.—(Special)

THE LONDON TIMES, in a comment on the Balkan situation, states that the Nazi warlords have three courses open to them—a move against Yugoslavia, Greece or Turkey. It seemed improbable that Yugoslavia would resist as the time when she might have done so has passed.

The reported concentration of German troops on the Greek frontier may be the preliminary to an invasion of Greece. In the event of an attack on Greece, British support will at once be given to the Greeks on the ground and in the air.

EASTER ATTACK

Encouraged by the brilliant success of her winter campaign, Great Britain will now prepare with Turkey and Greece to meet the Easter attack which was foreshadowed by Herr Hitler in his beer hall speech in Munich.

The Sydney message also stated that the Moscow Radio has repeated its warning of Tuesday that Soviet Russia could not support Bulgaria in her decision to allow the entry of German troops into the country.—(Special)

Severance Of Diplomatic Relations No Surprise

Britain broke off diplomatic relations with Bulgaria at 8.30 a.m. yesterday when Mr. G. W. Rendel, the British Minister in Sofia, presented a Note to M. Filoff, the Bulgarian Premier.

It was stated in London, according to a message, that Mr. Rendel will probably leave within two or three days. In the meantime it is reported he may be going to Istanbul but no definite details are available.

The United States Minister in Bulgaria will look after British interests there.

The British action in severing relation with Bulgaria, it is pointed out, came as no surprise.—(Special)

N.T. ROBBERY

An unnumbered hut at Ma Chuk Ling Village, Shataukok, was visited by three masked men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday night.

The robbers decamped with money and valuables to the total value of \$30.50 and \$1.10 in Chinese currency notes.

GOERING'S TALKS WITH ANTONESCU

Field Marshal Goering arrived in Vienna by air, states a London message, and immediately had talks with General Antonescu, the Rumanian Prime Minister.

High Rumanian officers have arrived in Germany to study training and they will also visit the battlefields in the West.—(Special)

MILITARY QUESTIONS

BERLIN, Mar. 5 (Reuter)—It is believed in the political circles here that the talks concern military rather than political questions.

The German Air Attache in Bucharest, Colonel Gertenberg, was present at the talks and Gen. Antonescu was accompanied by Mr. Dimitriu, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Economics and Colonel Elestereacu, Chief of the Cabinet.

Gen. Antonescu was expected home this evening.

CLASHES REPORTED

Clashes are reported between German occupying forces and Bulgarians, states a London message.

There are increasing arrests of Left Wing politicians and students.—(Special)

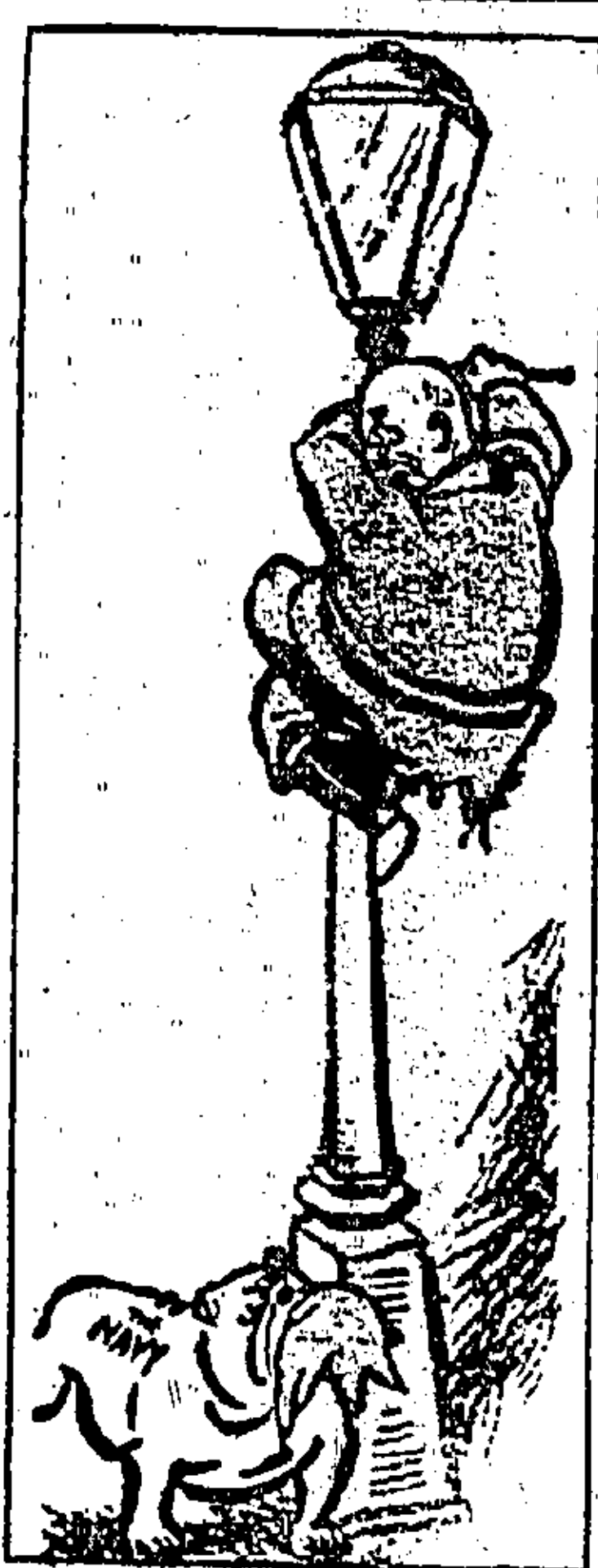
OTT LEAVING

TOKYO, March 5 (Reuter)—It is learned the German Ambassador, Herr Ott, will leave for Berlin shortly to report the latest developments in the Far East and confer with high Nazi officials.

It is understood Herr Ott will be remaining in Germany for about two weeks before returning.

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"GO AWAY!"

New Immigration Offices Crowded With People Awaiting Deposit Return

"I CAME YESTERDAY AND YOU TOLD ME TO COME AGAIN THIS MORNING, AND NOW YOU TELL ME TO COME BACK IN THE AFTERNOON. I WANT TO LEAVE FOR MACAO BY THE 2.30 BOAT", said a well-dressed Chinese gentleman to the Police constable, on duty inside the new offices of the Immigration Department, when he was not allowed to enter the premises but told to call back again.

The Chinese constable's reply was: "You can see that the inside is crowded. Even if you get in you cannot get your money now. Better leave by tomorrow's boat."

Besides the Chinese gentleman referred to, there were six other Chinese males also awaiting the return of their deposits. One of them told a Hongkong Daily Press reporter that he had "waited not very long, only, since Monday. This morning, I have been here since 10 o'clock, and it is only 11.50 a.m. now."

OFFICES CROWDED

Looking through the glass of the closely guarded doors, the reporter saw that the offices were crowded with people—men and women—who were either awaiting the return of their deposits or the issuance of passports! Such was the crowd there that the staff was unable to cope with the rush.

During the course of an interview on Friday last, the official spokesman asserted that "every thing was working smoothly and that there would be no delay in the return of deposits!"

MACHINE-GUN ON PIRATES

A machine-gun was brought into action by the Police in pursuit of six armed pirates in the New Territories yesterday morning.

The robbers landed from a small boat at Lung Ku Tan, west of attempting to rob a junk west of Tong Ku Lighthouse, Chinese territorial waters, with No. 4 Police launch on their heels.

The pirate boat was found.

JAPANESE OCCUPY PAKHOI AFTER SURPRISE LANDING IN DAYBREAK BY CRACK UNITS

TOKYO, March 5 (Reuter)—THE JAPANESE ANNOUNCE THE OCCUPATION OF PAKHOI, an important Chinese port in the Gulf of Tonking, at daybreak on March 3 after a surprise landing by crack Japanese units assisted by the Navy.

The fort situated on a promontory two kilometres west of Pakhoi was also promptly seized by the Japanese force which attacked it from the rear, adds the communique.

Military rule was established in the occupied area, this being the first time such a step was taken since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

All Chinese administrative and judicial establishments were taken over by the Japanese, while residents, regardless of nationality, were required to register with the Japanese military administration.

1939 OCCUPATION

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter)—It will be recalled that the Japanese occupied Pakhoi and advanced into the interior of Kwangsi province in the autumn of 1939, but evacuated all Kwangsi in November 1940.

Since then, large quantities of supplies are understood to have been landed at Pakhoi and conveyed through Kwangsi to assist Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Government at Chungking in its resistance to the Japanese.

MENZIES DID NOT SUGGEST APPEASEMENT

In a statement in London yesterday on his speech before the Press Association, MR. R. G. MENZIES, the Australian Prime Minister, said that he did not mean in any way to suggest a policy of appeasement towards Japan, states a London message.

He did not advocate a policy of appeasement nor anything remotely resembling it, added Mr. Menzies.—(Special)

"BEING VERY FAIR"

TOKYO, Mar. 5 (Reuter)—A Government spokesman commenting on Mr. Menzies' speech said: "This time we think Australia is being very fair. Heretofore, they have discussed problems with Japan only from a logical viewpoint now Mr. Menzies has indicated readiness to approach matters from a more realistic viewpoint."

FRANCE COMPLIES

TOKYO, Mar. 5 (Reuter)—It is reliably reported that France has decided to comply with Japan's proposals to settle the Thailand-Indo-China dispute.

GENERAL HATA

General Hata, the new Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese forces in South China, left Tokyo yesterday for Nanking, states a London message.—(Special)

INTENSE GREEK ARTILLERY

Intensive Greek artillery action is reported in Albania, states a London message. The Italians lost tanks and much material.

Local operations in the central sector were successful. It is now revealed that 1,500 men of an Alpine division lost their lives when an Italian ship was sunk in the Adriatic.—(Special)

ENEMY SHIPS ATTACKED

ATHENS, Mar. 5 (Reuter)—R.A.F. bombers attacked enemy warships off Chios in Albania on Tuesday, a communique from R.A.F. Headquarters in Greece states.

Escorting Hurricane and Gladiator fighters, they encountered a large formation of Italian CR-42 and CR-50 fighters and shot down nine and damaging others.

Today's News Summary

ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS, German troops are pouring into Bulgaria in seeming endless columns. In Turkey the message which Hitler sent to President Inonu has been studied but no hint as to its contents has come either from Berlin or Ankara. Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill have concluded their talks in Athens which are reported to have been satisfactory in every way.

MUCH SUCCESS HAS ATTENDED the Abyssinian patriot army and after occupying an important post north of Addis Ababa, Haile Selassie's army was joined by over a thousand Italian troops who had deserted.

THE JAPANESE, FOLLOWING a daybreak landing by crack units, have occupied Pakhoi which they had previously occupied in the autumn of 1939.

REPATRIATED AMERICANS arriving in New York tell of food riots in Paris where there is practically no white bread and women have to wait for six hours daily for what food they can get.

THOUGH ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY over England was slight on Tuesday, Cardiff was again the centre of the raids.

Paris Was Paradise In 1914

PRACTICALLY NO WHITE BREAD: FOOD RIOTS

PARIS IN 1914 WAS PARADISE compared to now according to repatriated Americans who have returned to New York aboard the transport Exeter, states a London message.

These Americans reported that there were food riots in Paris and the Germans had confiscated all silk garments to make parachutes and the motorcar industry had been taken over.

There was practically no white bread and women stood from 6 a.m. to noon daily to get what food they could. The Germans had tried to make friends with the French but when their friendship was not accepted the Nazis became meaner and meaner.

Frenchmen were getting mad and the women were pushing them on to attack the Germans. The Nazis are reported to have sneered at the Americans on their departure and said: "We will be in New York soon."—(Special)

Dog-fight Over The Channel

British bombers were active over the English Channel this afternoon and extensive operations were carried out over Northern France, states a London message. Watchers on the English coast saw a formation of enemy machines take on one of the British formations.

After a lively dog-fight the German planes were seen returning to the French coast pursued by British planes.

Yesterday afternoon enemy aircraft visited towns in N.W. England.—(Special)

PLEASANT SURPRISE

GEN. SMUTS IN KENYA

South African troops had a pleasant surprise with the arrival of GENERAL SMUTS, the Prime Minister of South Africa, in Kenya, states a London message.

Gen. Smuts was full of vigour and in high spirits when he stepped out of the plane. He was met by General Cunningham whom he warmly congratulated on his successful campaign in Italian Somaliland.

The areas now occupied will be brought under military administration, it is added, and the main problem will be the protection of Italians from the vengeance of the people they formerly ruled.

British troops are now threatening the very heart of Abyssinia.—(Special)

EFFICIENT WORK

LONDON, Mar. 5 (British Wireless)—An efficient piece of work by an advance signal section in Pib Ara, in Italian Somaliland, was revealed in London this morning.

Sent forward to establish advanced headquarters, this section found the Italians in occupation. On their own, this small party captured 17 Italian officers, 14 N. C. Os and about 400 African troops.



In the World of Sports



DEPLETED ST. JOSEPH'S BEAT CYCLONES 9-1

Florinhas Give Improved Display Against Recreio BY "R.O.Y."

Under discouraging weather conditions, only a handful of hardy fans turned out at the Kowloon Football Club last Sunday, when the day's programme of five comparatively lopsided matches was decided. Opening the card, the Ramblers trounced the Little Flower Club by 21 tallies to 9, despite the latter squad being reinforced by the inclusion of Redbirds Betty Fitzgerald and Gilly Motta. Gerry Jorge hurled steady ball for the winners who were never hard-pushed although the Florinhas showed welcome improvement, especially in their running of the bases. Ding Lopes connected for a triple to be the longest hitter of the game, while Betty Fitzgerald doubled with the sacks loaded.

The Canuckettes climbed into the leadership of the Ladies' League when they gained an easy 11-0 triumph over the hapless Chung Hwa lassies who were absolutely helpless against the speedy slants of Mary Ng, who was backed by well-nigh perfect support. Renie Yuen paced the batters with four safeties, including two triples, in four trips to the pan although Mary Ng also had a perfect average with 3-in-3. Other extra base clouts were triples by Rosie and Dot Louie and a two-bagger by Ullan Khoo.

SAINTS' EASY WIN

Although several of their regulars were away at camp, the league-leading St. Joseph's outfit had an easy time against Sunburn Omar's Cyclones who sustained a 1-9 defeat. Hits were fairly even but the Joltin' Joys came through in the pinches both at bat and in the field.

Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard connected for the biggest hit of the game when he slashed a triple to right in the third stanza while Skelly Razaek, with a double, replied for the Cyclones.

CANADIANS' TROUNCED

The Chinese Baseballers trounced the Canadian Chinese by 6 markers to 2, inflicting on the Canucks their twelfth straight defeat of the season. Denham Cray again hurled effective ball for the Liumen, in letting the opposition down with only three safeties, but was erratic in allowing them seven free passes.

Contrary to expectations, Herbie Quon was not seen on the mound for the Maple Leafs. Gee Gee Lee doing duty in his stead. Youthful Junior Mar was seen in the Baseballers' line-up and came to light with a timely two-bagger which was matched only by Denham Cray's double.

HITTING SPREE

Ringling down the curtain, the Mohawks went on a hitting spree to garner 19 tallies while "Cy" Jones was hurling three-hit ball to blank the Filipino lads. Every batter in the Baseballers' line-up registered at least one safety and the teams total bag of eleven hits included doubles by Cy Jones, Hank Sperry, Pete Fitch, Johnny Schallberg and "Bonsetter" Doc Molthen.

Dave Amper hurled steady ball, despite being nicked for so many hits, but was given little support.

ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held, weather permitting, on Saturday, 15th March, 1941, (POSTPONED FROM SATURDAY, 8th MARCH, 1941) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 6th March, 1941.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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Badminton Championship Programme

The Hongkong Badminton Association Championships, 1940-41, will commence on Thursday, March 13, at King's College, with the following matches:—

7 p.m.—J. L. Anderson v. Ho Weng-toh; 7.45—P. A. Yvanovich v. H. Dingsdale; 8.30—S. Ampla-vanar v. P. K. Hoo; 9.15—Doubles—T. S. Young and M. K. Fung v. D. Chelliah and K. H. Khoo.

MARCH 14

Talkoo Club—8 p.m.—C. Au v. H. C. Eardley; 8.45—F. Kwok and D. Kwok v. C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang; 9.30—R. M. Lavalie and N. A. Beltrao v. M. Talan and J. Odell.

MARCH 15

Club de Recreo—7 p.m.—J. L. Anderson and W. Gillies v. W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung; 7.45—R. M. Lavalie v. Peter Lo; 8.30—T. S. Young v. J. Tsang; 9.15—E. Gillespie and Miss Wong v. H. C. Eardley and Miss Decima Eardley.

MARCH 17

King's College—P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu v. E. A. R. Alves and P. Botelho; 7.45—C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v. J. Hoo and T. B. Teoh; 8.30—P. A. Yvanovich and B. T. Gosano v. A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth; 9.15—E. Zimmern and Mrs. Zimmern v. P. Wong and Miss Ribeiro.

MARCH 20

Talkoo Club—8 p.m.—E. Zimmern v. J. Hoo; 8.45—K. W. Choy and K. Low v. J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves; 9.15—D. Kwok and Mrs. Wilson v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss Silva.

No changes in dates or times will be allowed without permission.

H.K.F.A. COUNCIL MEETING

A Council meeting of the Hongkong Football Association will be held at the Association's office on Wednesday, March 13, at 5.30 p.m. BUSINESS:—Minutes of Council meeting No. 8; Minutes of League Management Committee meeting No. 12; Minutes of Emergency Sub-Committee meeting No. 7; Accounts; Draw of Semi-Final Round Senior and Junior Shield Competition; Any other business.

GUNNERS MAKE SHORT WORK OF MIDDLESEX

Army Large Units Rugby League

After leading by eight points (a goal and a try) to three (a try) in the first half, the ROYAL ARTILLERY made short work of the MIDDLESEX on the resumption of play, when these two teams clashed in an Army Large Units Rugby League match at Sookunpoo yesterday, to run out winners by 22 points (two goals and four tries) to six (two tries).

During the latter half of the first session, both sides played exceedingly well and several splendid runs were ruined by the opposition's fine tackling.

The teams were:—
R. A.—Easterbrook; March, Keeble, Giblin, Richards; Hook, Dobbinson; Bompas, Wedderburn, Deland, Heath, Mew, Page, Edinson, and McDermott.

MSEX.—Moggeridge; Jackson, Freshwater, Sheehan, Jones; Radley, Willoughby; Jennings, Wokey, Burrell, Pearce, Goddard, Bayly, Gilham, and Thompson.

HIGH STANDARD

A really high standard of play was witnessed when the ROYAL ENGINEERS met the ROYAL SCOTS in the same League.

Taken entirely by surprise, by the blitz tactics of the Sappers, the Royal Scots went down within five minutes of the commencement of the game by a try which, however, their opponents were unable to convert.

Full credit must be given to Bateman, Vealon, Gracie, Hunter, Coombe, and Durie, of the Royal Scots, and Barrow, Rees, Fowle, Appleby, Redman, and Otway, of the Royal Engineers, for their outstanding display.

The teams:—
ROYAL ENGINEERS.—Heath; Barrow, Martin, Rees, Jones; Pickton, Fowle; Appleby, Killen, Willcox, Redman, Brinkley, Sheldrick, Otway, and Davis.

ROYAL SCOTS.—Pinkerton; Patterson, Douglass, Bateman, Fairley, Hanson, Vealon, Gracie, Hunter, Duke, Miller, Livingstone, Coombe, Sutherland, and Durie.

U.S. YACHTS AS PATROL BOATS

Six yachts, obtained from private owners to augment the Navy's lighter flotillas, are now undergoing conversion in the U.S. Navy Yard in Brooklyn for use as patrol boats. They are to be ready for service before the middle of Winter.

Deck armament and anti-aircraft guns are being supplied to the one-time pleasure craft. Similar armament, it was disclosed, will be provided for the U. S. S. Wharton—the 15,000-ton former Munson liner Southern Cross, which was made over to Robins Dry Dock into a naval transport. The Wharton was delivered at the Navy Yard the evening of Dec. 5.

INDUCTED INTO NAVY

The yachts being inducted into the Navy are the Hi-Esmaro, former yacht of Mrs. H. E. Manville, the Edmar, contributed for defence by Major Edward Bowes; the Vera, once owned by Harold S. Vanderbilt, the Savator, obtained from Joseph H. Seaman; the Sybarita, owned by H. Ridgeley Bullock, and the Pegasus, once Clifford Hemphill's craft.

With a new record total of more than 20,000 men at work in the Navy Yard, the speeded-up construction of the 45,000-ton battleship Iowa and completion of work on the 35,000-ton North Carolina is moving satisfactorily. Capt. Joseph J. Broshek, industrial manager of the yard, reported. The keel of the 45,000-ton Missouri will be laid early next month. Workmen already have fabricated hundreds of tons of steel into sections for the hull, thus enabling building of the new ship to proceed swiftly.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

CHESS.—Colony Open Chess Championship Tournament, Karpovich v. Carvalho, Coxhead v. Sequeira, Weiss v. Zimmern.
RACING.—Entries close for Jockey Club's First Extra Race.

SNOOKER.—Garrison League Signals, "A" v. R.A. Station Mess, Eng. Sgts. Mess v. Engineers "A", R.A.P.C. v. Signals Mess, Military Police v. R.A.M.C.

TOMORROW

ATHLETICS.—Universally Athletic heats, Pokfulam, 3.30 p.m. St. Paul's College Annual Sports, S. C. A. A. ground, Caroline Hill, 1.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

FOOTBALL.—First Division: Middlesex v. Police (Boundary Street), 4.30 p.m., Royal Scots v. Kowloon (Kowloon), 4.30 p.m., Eastern v. St. Joseph's (Caroline Hill), 4.30 p.m., Second Division: Middlesex v. Ordnance (Boundary Street), 3 p.m., Royal Scots v. Kowloon (Kowloon), 3 p.m., South China v. Navy (Caroline Hill), 3 p.m., Service Corps v. Kwong Wah (St. Joseph's), 4.30 p.m., 30th R.A. v. Club (St. Joseph's), 3 p.m., Third Division: Medicals v. Signals (Club), 3 p.m., 36th R.A. v. 12th R.A. (Military), 4.30 p.m., 20th R.A. v. International (Chatham Road), 3 p.m., Engineers v. 35th R.A. (Military), 3 p.m., 24th R.A. v. 7th R.A. (Chatham Road), 4.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

FOOTBALL.—First Division: South China v. Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill), 4.30 p.m., Second Division: Kit Chee v. Engineers (Caroline Hill), 3 p.m., Third Division: Shell v. Air Force (Boundary Street), 3 p.m., A. S. A. v. Service Corps (Chatham Road), 4.30 p.m.
HOCKEY.—Police "A" v. Recreo, 5th A. A. "B" v. Police "B", Gunboats v. Khalsa, C. B. A. v. R. E. University v. Nomads, 5th A. A. "A" v. Punjabis.

FANLING HUNT MEET

The Fanling Hunt will meet on Sunday at the Hunters' Arms and Mr. H. C. Macnamara will be "at Home."

A meet was also held yesterday at Sheungshui.

Best U.S. Motor Boat Racer

A veteran of 15 years of spectacular competition, Fred Jacoby, Jr., of North Bergen, N.J., this year topped the American outboard motor boat racing field by as great a margin as Bobby Jones or Babe Ruth led their opposition at the peak of their careers.

Jacoby, a daring resourceful driver, in winning for the fourth time the George T. Townsend Medal, emblematic of the outboard scoring championship, spread the field of 2,000 competitors by almost 8,000 points during a season in which the largest number of sanctioned regattas was held.

84 RACES

His consistency was attested by his record-breaking performances in which he participated in 84 races in 21 regattas and topped points in each race, except one in which he was disqualified for jumping the gun and one in which he failed to finish.

So far superior to the other drivers, was Jacoby that he tallied 23,382 points, while the second ranker, Paul Wearly, of Muncie, Ind., was able to get only 15,498, during the racing season.

By his brilliant performance throughout the season, Jacoby once again earned the privilege of carrying "U.S.-2" as a boat number, symbol of the country's leading professional driver.

His racing career dates back 15 years, and since 1935 when he first won the Townsend Medal, Jacoby has scored the huge total of 144,082 points.

INTERESTING TIES IN SENIOR, JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The programme of matches in the Colony Open and Junior Chess Championships to be played at the Peninsula Hotel tonight promises to be an unusually interesting one and it is probable that at least a half-dozen ties will be played off.

The Senior Championship is entering its final round, though the number of matches adjourned and postponed adds up to a considerable figure and it may be safely predicted that another fortnight will be required to complete the full programme.

Tonight, D. E. de Carvalho should play L. Karpovich, G. S. Coxhead, C. M. Sequeira, and K. Weiss-E. Zimmern. These ties are all highly interesting, especially the first, where the other participants in the Tournament will be looking for a come-back on the part of D. E. de Carvalho, former Colony Champion, who has been in very poor form this year.

Carvalho showed great improvement in his match against Coxhead on Tuesday, which he was unfortunate to lose in a very complicated end-game. Volunteering activities necessitated postponement of the first-round encounters between Coxhead and Sequeira Weiss and Zimmern, and these players will be meeting one another for the first time in this Tournament.

While Karpovich has been lucky in running into a lead of two points over the rest of the field, competition for runner-up honours is yet very keen and the whole field, other than Carvalho, is well in the running.

It is not improbable too that Coxhead, who beat Karpovich twice in the Club Championship

TOURNEY STANDINGS

The standings to date:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
L. Karpovich	5	4	1	0	4½
C. M. Sequeira	6	3	1	2	3½
G. S. Coxhead	5	3	0	2	3
K. Weiss	6	2	2	2	3
E. Zimmern	4	2	1	1	2½
D. E. de Carvalho	8	0	1	7	½

JUNIOR TIES

Junior Championship ties for tonight are the following:—Kolatchoff v. Kurrik, Grefalda v. Un Kwal-yung, Birukoff v. W. Lee, To Yu-lau v. Gardner, Drake v. d'Almeida, Petrov v. Danenberg and Poupard v. Tausz.

Latest standings:—Un Kwal-yung, A. Y. Birukoff, A. Kurrik, J. Grefalda, V. V. Kolatchoff and Wm. Lee—each 2 points; J. Tausz and R. C. Danenberg—each 1 point; To Yu-lau, E. M. Petrov, J. H. d'Almeida, R. C. Gardner, A. Morton, A. C. Poupard and D. Drake—no points.



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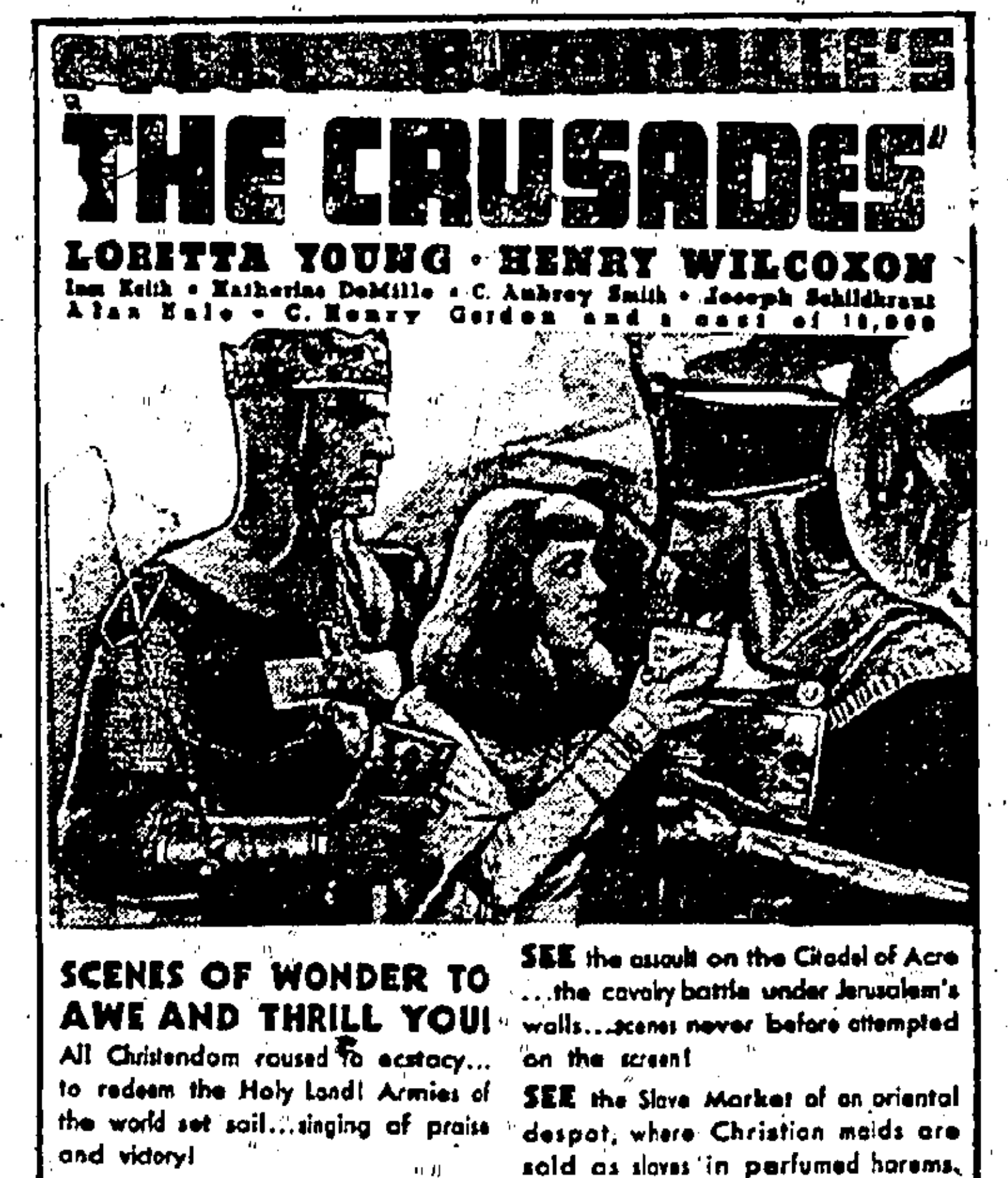
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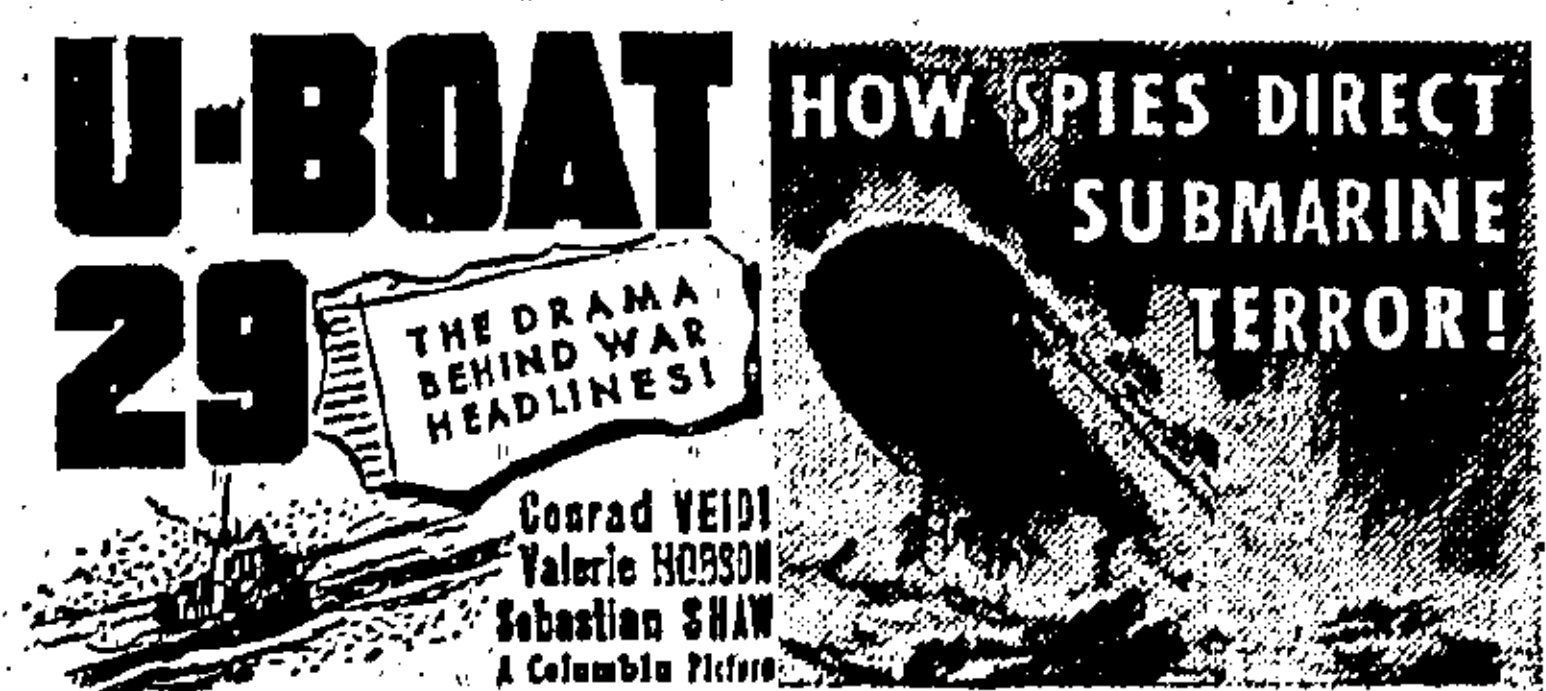
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2.30 Spanish Programme

The Lover and the Nightingale (Granados) — Ellen Joyce (Piano). Granada (Albeniz) — Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra. Malagueña — Danse Espagnole (Sarasate) — Rene Benedetti (Violin) with Piano acc. Danza 5 (Granados) — Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Piano acc. Habanera — Danse Espagnole (Sarasate) — Rene Benedetti (Violin) with Piano acc. Tango (Albeniz) — Danabhas von Gezy and His Orchestra. Soneto A Cordoba (de Falla) — Maria Barrientos (Soprano) with Piano acc.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report

1.03 Sam Browne (Vocal) and The London Piano-Accordion Band.

Angelino Piccolino (Siegler): You Don't Know How Much You Can Suffer (Friend and Franklin) — The London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus. Have You Forgotten So Soon (Gilbert and Nicholls) — Sam Browne (Baritone) with Orchestra. Little Patchy Trousers (Noel and Pelosi) — The London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus. Gee, Oh Gosh, I'm Grateful! (Nesbitt and Others) — Sam Browne & Girl Friend with Two Pianists. They Would Wind Him Up and He Would Whistle (Kallmar and Ruggby) — The London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal. The Star and The Rose (Young and Schwartz) — Sam Browne with The Rhythm Sisters. I have lost my Heart in Budapest (Puzsila) (Mihaly and Feiner) — Calling Me Home (Wilfred) — The London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Selections from G. B. Cochran's Shows.

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B.B.C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall with Peggy Wood and Mary Ellis, Alice Delysia and Les Allen. Compere: Christopher Stone. 'Home and Beauty' — Magda Neeld, Janet Lind and Webster Booth with Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

3.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Compositions of Debussy.

Intermezzo from 'Fennimore and Gerda' — London Philharmonic Orchestra — To the Queen of my Heart: Love's Philosophy — Heddle Nash (Tenor) with Gerald Moore (Piano). Roaming-Closing Scene—London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham. Caprice—Beatrice Harrison (Cello) with Orchestra. Summer Night on the River — Sir Thomas Beecham cond. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay — 'Meet Uncle Sam.'

Edwin Murrow interviews Alstair Cook.

7.30 Dance Music by Harry Ray & His Orchestra.

Pox-Trot—They All Laughed: I've Got Beginner's Luck (both from 'Shall We Dance'). Quicksteps—Milenberg Jays; Sugar Foot Stomp. Fox Continued on Page 11, Col. 1

COMING EVENTS

MAR.

6-Tides: High 2.03 p.m. and 2.06 a.m. Low 6.51 a.m. and 10.37 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.40 a.m.; Sunset: 6.29 p.m.

H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Meeting 1 p.m.

Vocal Recital by Y. K. Sze, Peninsula Hotel, 9.15 p.m.

Legislative Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

H.K. University Club general meeting, Union Assembly Room, 8.15 p.m.

Dance for Seafarers, Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute, 9 p.m.

Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Women's International Club Bridge and Mahjong Drive, Gloucester Bldg, 5 p.m.

7-Tides: High 4.30 p.m. and 3.11 a.m. Low 6.52 a.m. and 11.54 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.40 a.m.; Sunset: 6.29 p.m.

Auxiliary Nursing Service Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.) Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

8-Tides: High 4.27 a.m.

Sunrise: 6.39 a.m.; Sunset: 6.30 p.m.

Annual Meeting of Bank of East Asia, Ltd., 2 p.m.

Business Girls' Club, Supper Dance, in aid of Y.V.C.A. Finance Campaign, Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Entries close for H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament, 5 p.m.

9-Tides: High 8.02 a.m. and 5.43 p.m. Low 12.46 p.m. and 11.07 a.m.

Sunrise: 6.38 a.m.; Sunset: 6.30 p.m.

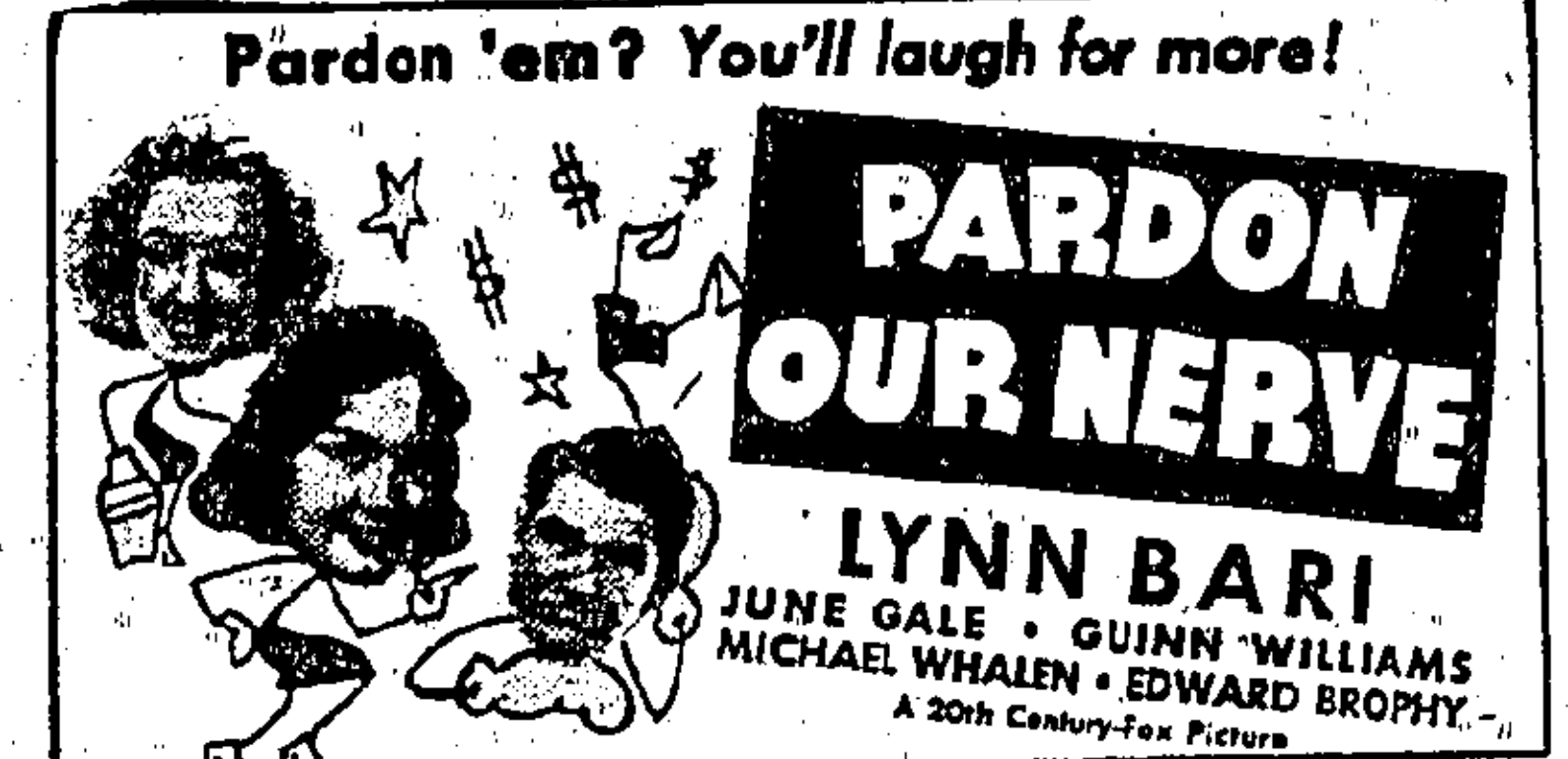
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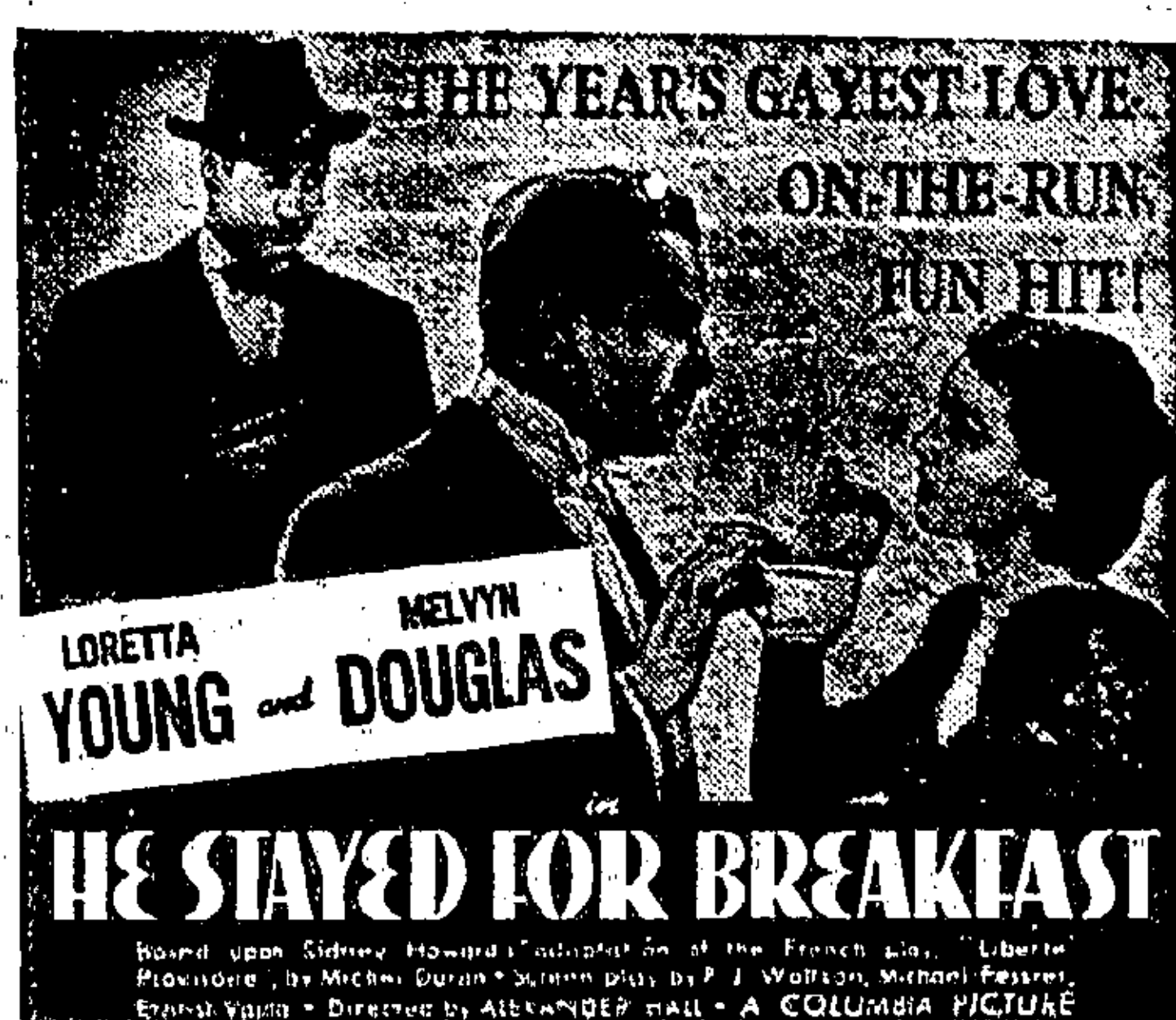
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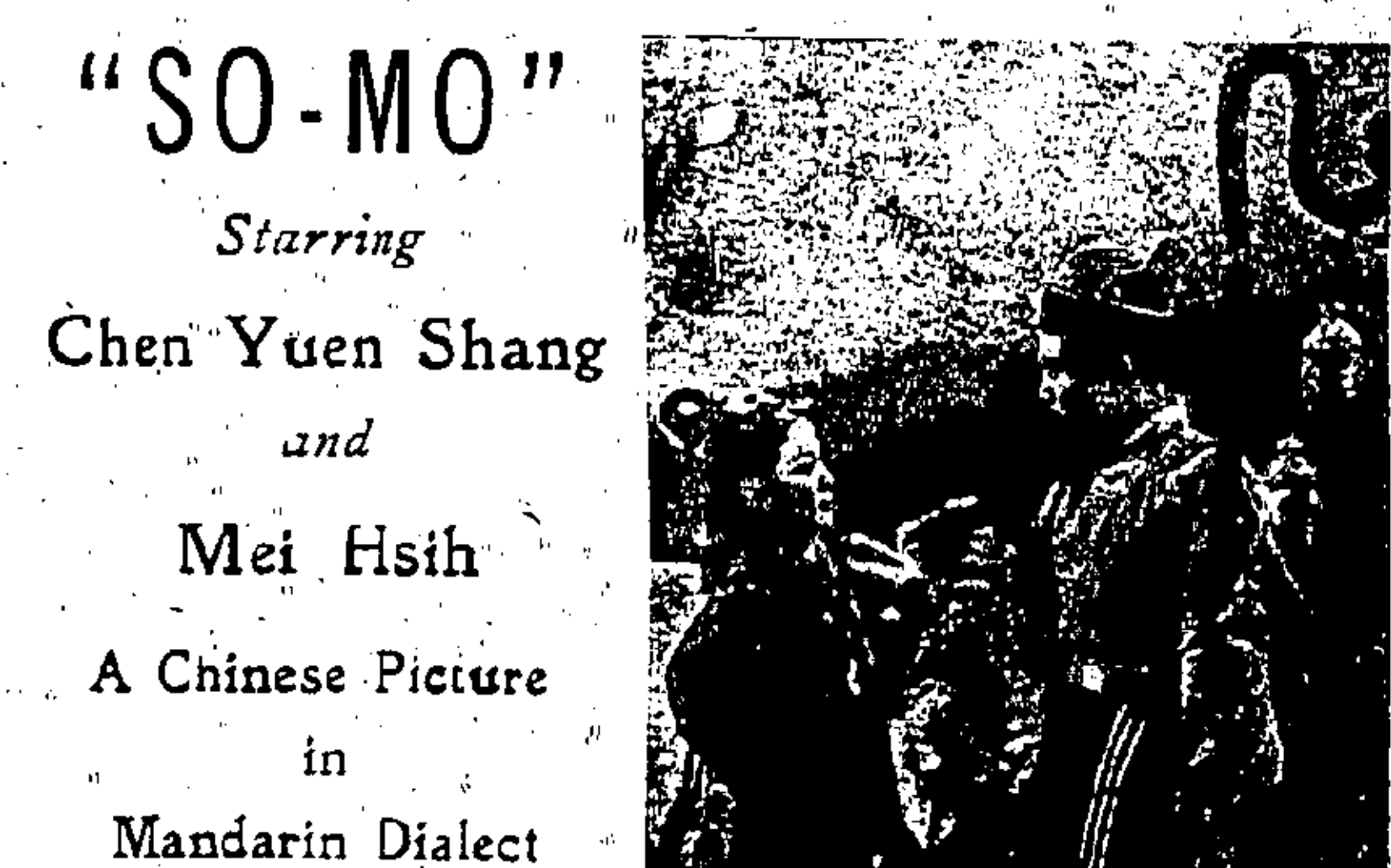
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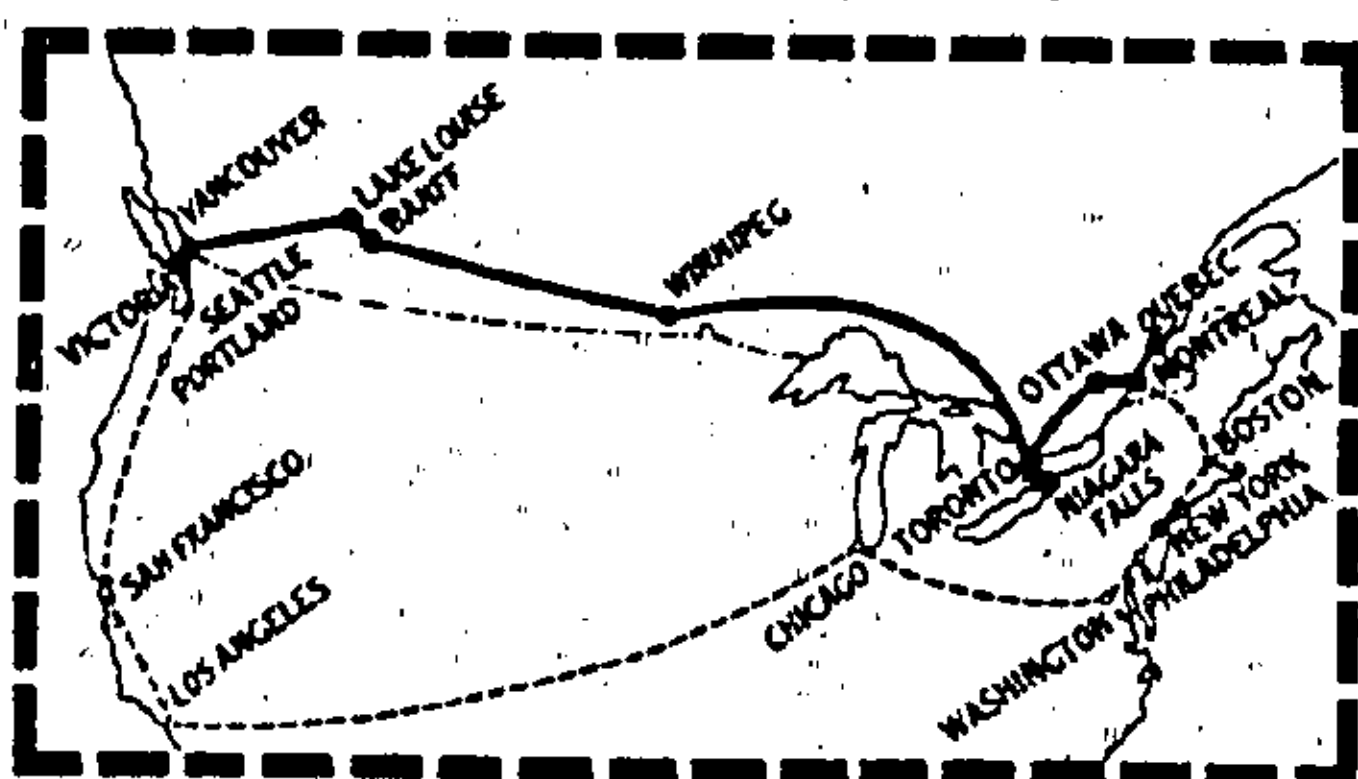
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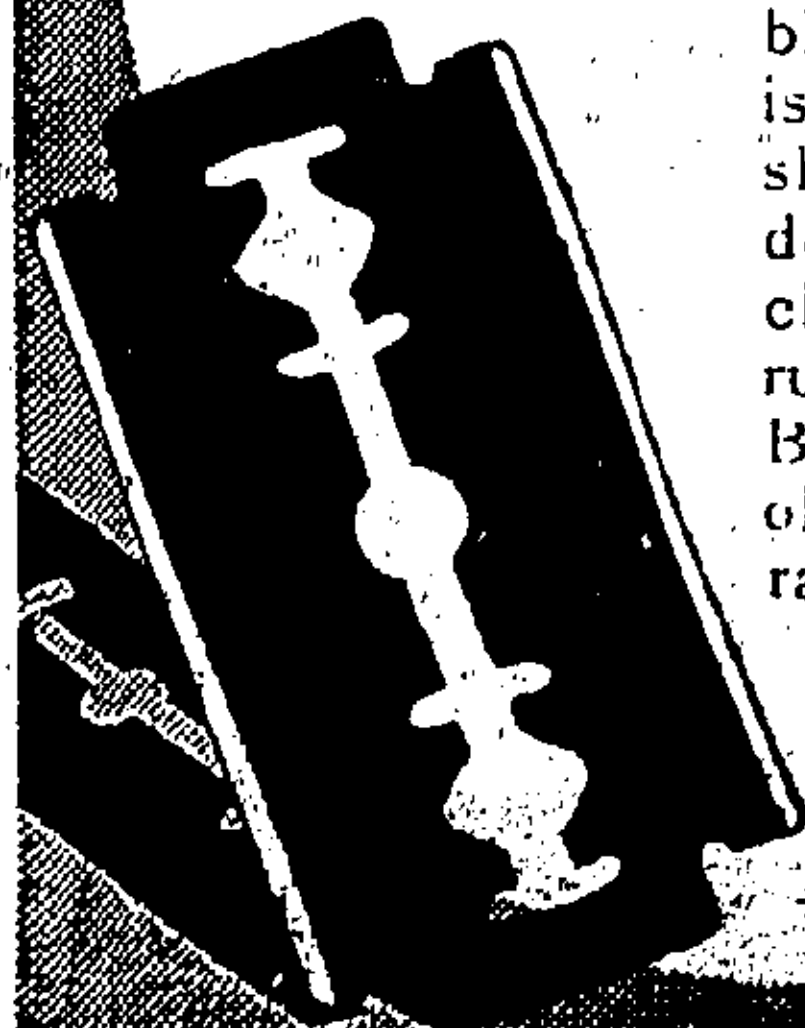
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SECRET RENDEZVOUS WITH CONVOY IN MID-ATLANTIC

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter)—Thousands more of Canadian troops have just landed in Britain after a trans-Atlantic voyage which again demonstrated the worldwide famed efficiency and power of the Royal Navy, writes Reuter's Special correspondent with the Home Fleet.

Several great liners, each estimated to have been carrying between 1,500 to 2,000 men, crossed this dangerous ocean with one of the strongest naval escorts yet provided for the convoy, such was its importance.

Besides British ships, the escort included units of the Allied navies, the Royal Canadian Navy and the former American destroyers. The fact that no harm befell this latest contribution to the Empire's fighting strength from bombs, shells, torpedoes or mines was testimony to Britain's continued control of the Atlantic.

The entire operation was carried out with a remarkable split-second precision in accordance with a pre-arranged plan.

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The voyage back was uneventful except for an occasional excitement when we raced towards unknown ships to check their identity. Before we parted from the liners a senior officer in charge of the convoy sent a message welcoming the troops to Home waters and wishing them "every success in the enterprise they have come over here to share with us."

CHANGE IN NAZI AIR TACTICS

Luftwaffe Active On Blockade Campaign

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter)—There is noticeable change from the indiscriminate bombing of London and the big provincial cities to the more calculated blockade campaign, chiefly against coastal towns, writes Reuter's Air correspondent.

The German Air Force in the west are devoting their efforts to dislocating the flow of American supplies to Britain by raiding shipping, mine-laying the harbour approaches and the bombing of ports. So far Germany is thought to have sent some 800 planes into the Balkans though forward bases in Bulgaria are not yet believed to be ready.

The German air force in Sicily, South Italy, is believed to be 300 to 400 planes used for attacking British warships and convoys in the Central Mediterranean and some troop carriers taking Nazi personnel and supplies to Tripoli. Some military observers believe that the Luftwaffe will carry the major burden of Nazi offensive action in the Balkans, the Mediterranean and Britain with the opening of the new campaigning season.

GENERAL SMUTS IN KENYA ON VISIT

NAIROBI, Mar. 5 (Central)—General Smuts, Premier of South Africa, who arrived here yesterday was met by Lieut.-Gen. Alan Cunningham, General Officer Commanding the Italian Somali land front, and by the Governor of Kenya.

General Smuts was accompanied by General Sir P. van Rynveld, the Union's Chief of Staff with whom he attended a conference at Government House immediately after his arrival.

United States Navy Personnel Bill

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (Reuter)—Legislation that would increase the United States Navy's enlisted personnel immediately to 232,000 and authorize the President to acquire 200,000 tons of auxiliary vessels for national defence was introduced by Mr. Vinson, Chairman of the House of Representatives Naval Affairs Committee.

The Bill would also authorize the President to raise the number of men enlisted to 300,000 at his discretion.

GERMAN ENTRY INTO BULGARIA

Protection Against British Designs!

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter)—A Wilhelmstrasse official stated yesterday that the "dispatch" of German troops to Bulgaria was occasioned by evidence in Germany's possession of British plans in south-east Europe.

He added: "German forces were sent to protect the country and to frustrate the British designs."

"For such a task the troops must be suitably equipped, but their number and equipment are not in excess of what is necessary for the task."

ISSUE UNCHANGED
LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter)—The German occupation of Bulgaria cannot affect the final issue nor change the course of events, the Ankara wireless stated last night.

It added: "The Axis move in the Balkans conclusively proved the contention that the Axis powers have not the courage to attack Great Britain directly. It may be that at the cost of great sacrifice this attack on Great Britain will be attempted, but its success is regarded even in Axis circles as extremely dubious."

"Were the Axis partners sure of success in this direction, they would not seek to shift the scene of operations into another theatre of war."

MESSAGE FROM HITLER
Herr Franz von Papen, the German Ambassador, was yesterday received by President Inonu of Turkey and read out to him a personal message from Hitler.

States the Ankara wireless. The announcer said: "The President listened to the message with great attention and begged Herr von Papen to convey his thanks to the Fuehrer for this act of courtesy."

"M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, was present at the interview which took place at the President's castle at Chankaya, near Ankara."

South China Hostilities

JAPS. LAND UNDER NAVAL BARRAGE

CHUNGKING Mar. 5 (Central)—Military advices from Kwangtung indicate that heavy fighting has flared up on the Toishan and Yeung-kong coast as a result of Japanese landings there.

Early on Monday morning five Japanese warships and 50 rubber boats, with about 1,000 Japanese aboard, arrived off the coast at Kwanghoi, southwest of Toishan. Under the protective bombardment of eight planes the Japanese forced a landing and pushed toward Toishan, meeting with strong Chinese resistance.

On Monday night Japanese troops from Sunwul in a number of rubber boats landed at Talao and headed for Shachung. Considerable casualties were inflicted upon them by intense Chinese fire.

Under a protective barrage laid by their naval guns units of Japanese troops tried to land at Paktsunkong in the district of Yeungkong this morning. Fighting broke out when the Chinese tried to force them back.

PRES. ROOSEVELT AND CRISIS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt at a Press conference yesterday said that the crisis now faced by the Government was in some ways far more serious for the future of the country than that eight years ago.

The President was beginning an unprecedented ninth year at the White House, the inauguration day being March 4 eight years ago.

The President added that the crisis now was of a different kind—being international instead of domestic.

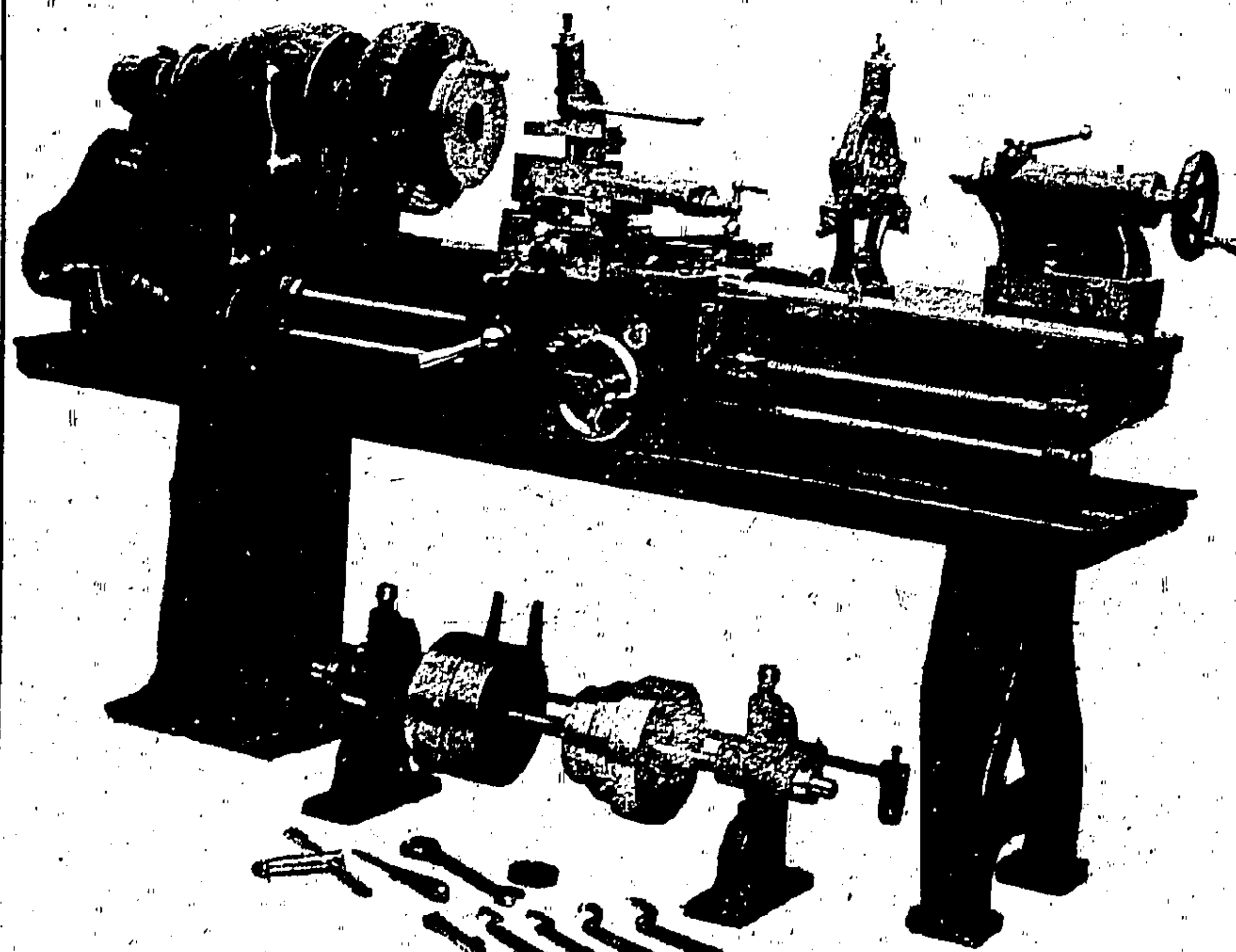
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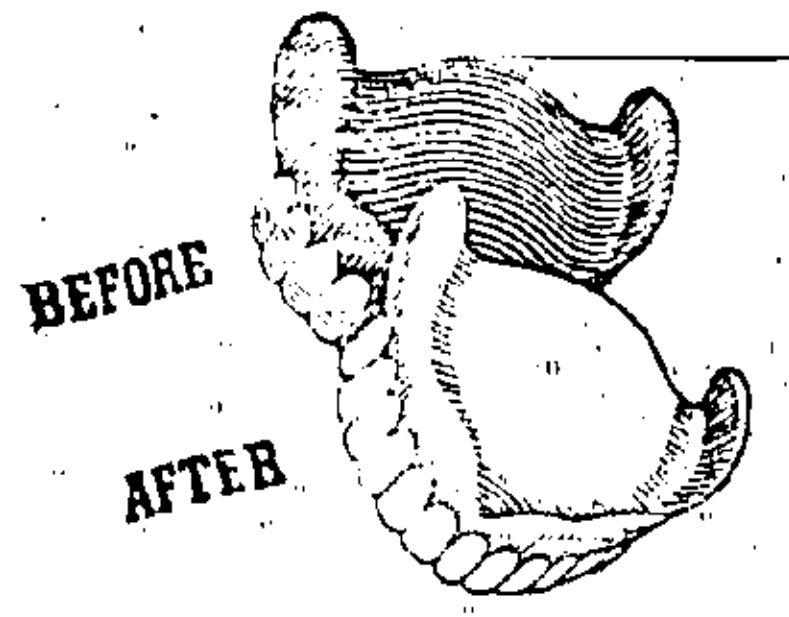


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ANNUAL POUND DAY

Response by the public to the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals' annual Pound Day, yesterday was reflected in \$400 in money and \$500 worth of goods, which included medical supplies and foodstuffs.

The gifts were received by Mrs. S. W. Ts'o in the forenoon and by Mrs. R. H. Hancock from 2 to 4 p.m.

IMMIGRATION INQUIRY

Why Is A General Agent Necessary?

"The question of attending the sittings of the Immigration Commission of Inquiry has not yet been discussed by members of this Chamber," said Mr. H. Y. Tso, Secretary of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, when interviewed yesterday.

When informed that the sittings will be thrown open to the general public, Mr. Tso stated that that was a most wise decision as it will go a long way towards dispelling any idea the Chinese may have that the inquiry is a blind.

"We feel confident, however, that with such prominent businessmen on the Commission, and with His Honour the Chief Justice as the Chairman, the whole matter will be thoroughly gone into," said Mr. Tso.

"What the Chinese have been asking," went on Mr. Tso, "was, why is a General Agent necessary? If it was to facilitate matters, no noticeable improvement has been seen."

CHECK ON FIREWOOD RAMP

Interviewed by a Hongkong Daily Press reporter yesterday, Mr. H. Y. Tso, Secretary of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, said that the Chinese in this Colony—especially those belonging to the middle and poorer classes—are deeply grateful to the Stores Controller and his staff for so effectively putting a check on the recent firewood ramp.

"But," he added, "there are still cases of profiteering, not only in selling at a higher price than that fixed but also by soaking the wood in water."

Mr. Tso went on to say that they all appreciated the fact that the problem of efficient control is a big one, but they hoped that the authorities would not relax their vigilance. The speaker further expressed the hope that the price would soon be further reduced.

Refugees In The Colony

An increase of 85 in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps etc., in urban and rural areas is recorded in the returns for the week ending on March 1.

Urban Areas:—

King's Park—1,307 against 1,301 on Feb. 22.

Ma Tau Chung—1,801 against 1,756 on Feb. 22.

North Point—1,485 against 1,463 on Feb. 22.

Morrison Hill—525 against 533 on Feb. 22.

Urban Areas (Squatters' Camps):

Tai Hang—2,557 against 2,557 on Feb. 22.

Ngau Tau Kok—798 against 798 on Feb. 22.

Rural Areas:—

Kam Tin—1,948 against 1,928 on Feb. 22.

Fanning Children's Camp—328 against 328 on Feb. 22.

Total—10,449 against 10,364 on Feb. 22.

"SARAH SIMPLE"

COMEDY PLAY BY HONCKONG A.D.C.

Sarah Bendish wrote a farewell note when she left her husband eight years ago, but her handwriting was difficult to read. Because of this William Bendish named the wrong man as co-respondent and lost the case.

As he did not know where to find his wife and learn the name of the real co-respondent, the matter was allowed to drop until he met the widow of the late Canon Bell Mason.

The relations between William and Mrs. Bell Mason had deepened to the point where Mrs. Bell Mason was enquiring as to the exact nature of his intentions when his wife suddenly returned. Since she had left her husband, Sarah had become a very successful designer of hats in New York, using the name of "Sarah Simple".

DIFFICULT SITUATIONS

The entrance of the poised and very attractive "Sarah Simple"

Eighth Death Sentence At The Sessions This Year

"The first thing I want to say is that the Crown concealed my only witness and the Police made no attempt to find my brother-in-law," stated HO SUNG-HEI, 23, salesman, at the conclusion of his trial before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when verdict of Guilty was returned by the jury after a retirement of 55 minutes.

Ho was charged with the murder of a fellow-employee, Woo Tong-chiu, 29, accountant, at the Chung Wah Book Company's godown, No. 3 Gilman's Bazaar, in the early morning on Dec. 5. Another man, Wong Sung-kar, also an employee of the company, was found dead in the premises.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Det.-Insp. L. R. Whant, and the accused was defended by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, instructed Mr. J. M. Hall.

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. T. H. Lunson (Foreman), D. Lyon, A. Black, E. F. Passos, V. S. Mamak, G. Gerard and A. W. W. Salter.

Mr. Reynolds, in his address, said that the Crown's case was that the motive of the crime was robbery and that Woo was murdered as he possessed the keys to the safe of the company. He admitted that the Crown's case was entirely based on circumstantial evidence.

TIME NOT FIXED

Mr. Fitzroy reminded the jury, in his address, that the time of the crime could not be fixed, and pointed out that blood from the two deceased was found to belong to Group O while the blood found on accused person and on his clothing, belonged to Group A.

Summing up, his Lordship pointed out that after being cautioned accused made a statement which was in complete consistency with the story he told in Court but it appeared, however, that he had made no attempt to prove this through a witness such as his brother-in-law, his fellow-guests that night or the waiters at the restaurant.

The jury was exempted, from duty for two years.

This was the fourth murder trial since January and the eighth death sentence to be passed.

REMOVAL OF RICE

Appearing on \$500 bail before Major A. N. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Tam Shu, 36, steersman of boat 1329, was fined \$25 for moving 93 bags of rice from Hongkong to Hunghom without a permit.

Mr. S. K. Lau, pleading guilty on behalf of defendant, said that it was only a technical offence and that defendant had no intention to export the rice from Hongkong.

SHANGHAI PRICES

CHUNGKING, Mar. 5 (Central)—The price of rice has further skyrocketed in Shanghai during the last few days, according to a Shanghai despatch.

The price of native rice has reached the new high of over \$120 per picul while that of imported rice has been quoted at \$90 per picul. The market is in a state of confusion as a result of a crop of wild rumors.

The Shanghai Rice Dealers Union yesterday sent out a circular to all its members urging them not to sell their product above the prices fixed by the Rice Control Committee.

It is understood that representatives of the Committee called on Mr. T. K. Ho, Deputy Secretary of the Shanghai Municipal Council, yesterday reporting the deplorable situation and appealing to him to exercise his power to check manipulations by unscrupulous merchants.

into William Bendish's life led to a series of complications and difficult situations.

Such is the comedy written by A. A. Milne, the famous author and "Punch" writer.

The Hongkong A. D. C. are presenting the comedy at the China Great Club Theatre on March 19, 20, 21 and 22. Booking is now open at Anderson's Music Co., Ice House Street.

DIOCESAN OLD BOYS' ASSCN.

Appeal For More Members

An appeal for more old boys to become members was made at the annual meeting of the Diocesan Old Boys' Association held at the Chinese Merchants' Club yesterday evening.

Mr. B. C. Randall, President, was in the chair, while Mr. A. G. F. Prew acted as secretary in the absence of Mr. A. Zimmerman.

It was revealed that the membership had increased from 89 to 100 which still represented only a small percentage of the large number of Old Boys in the Colony.

The statement of accounts showed a balance of \$535.98.

Six of the retiring members of the general committee were re-elected to serve. They were Messrs. E. Zimmerman, G. A. D'Aquino, D. J. N. Anderson, J. Dodd, G. She and Peter H. Sin. The auditors, Messrs. Cheung U-pui and A. Crawford, were also re-elected.

The question of "old school tie" was brought up for discussion by one member who suggested that the present price did not suit every pocket.

This question was left to the sub-committee.

Busy Day At The Registry

SEVEN COUPLES MARRIED

Seven Chinese couples were married at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday with Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiating.

The parties were:—Mr. Chan Hung-oi, merchant, of No. 43 Tin Hau Temple Road, and Miss Ma Ping-sin, of No. 5 Ning Yung Terrace;

Mr. So Kwok-cheung, merchant, of the Kian Kwan Co. Bank of East Asia Building, and Miss Cheung Hee-yue, of No. 82, Des Voeux Road Central;

Mr. Si Wai-ming, sub-inspector, attached to the Yau-mat Police Station, and Miss Yuen Hing-han, of No. 5 Tung Fong Street;

Mr. Ng Hong-ming, special grade revenue officer, of No. 34 Hillwood Road, and Miss Lui Kit-ting, of No. 220 Jaffe Road;

Mr. Louie Park Lam, student, of No. 144 Lai Chi Kok Road, and Miss Anna Chin Mak-yut, of 122 Fuk Wing Street;

Mr. Kong Wai-leung, revenue officer, of No. 218 Reclamation Street, and Miss Leung Suk-yin, of No. 277 Reclamation Street;

Mr. Cheung Kwan-oi, baker, of the Garden Co. Castle Peak Road, and Miss Chan Yuen-wah, of No. 23 Hillwood Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced yesterday:—

Mr. Eric Hinmsworth, Deputy Immigration Officer, of Harbour View Hotel, and Miss Ethel Emily Pratt, nursing sister, Kowloon Hospital;

Mr. Yeung Kam-wo, clerk, of No. 19 Cheungshawan Road, and Miss Tin Man, of No. 29 Shek Kip Mei Street;

Mr. Leung Mo-fun, health inspector, of No. 3 Tung Fong Street, and Miss Tam Lai-ping, of No. 7 Wing Wa Street;

Mr. Lee Chun-chung, physical instructor, of the Education Department, and residing at No. 20 Granville Road, and Miss Lee Tse-lin, of No. 12 Granville Road;

Mr. Wong Kwok-han, merchant, of No. 630 Shanghai Street, and Miss Chan King-oi, of No. 92 Fa Yuen Street;

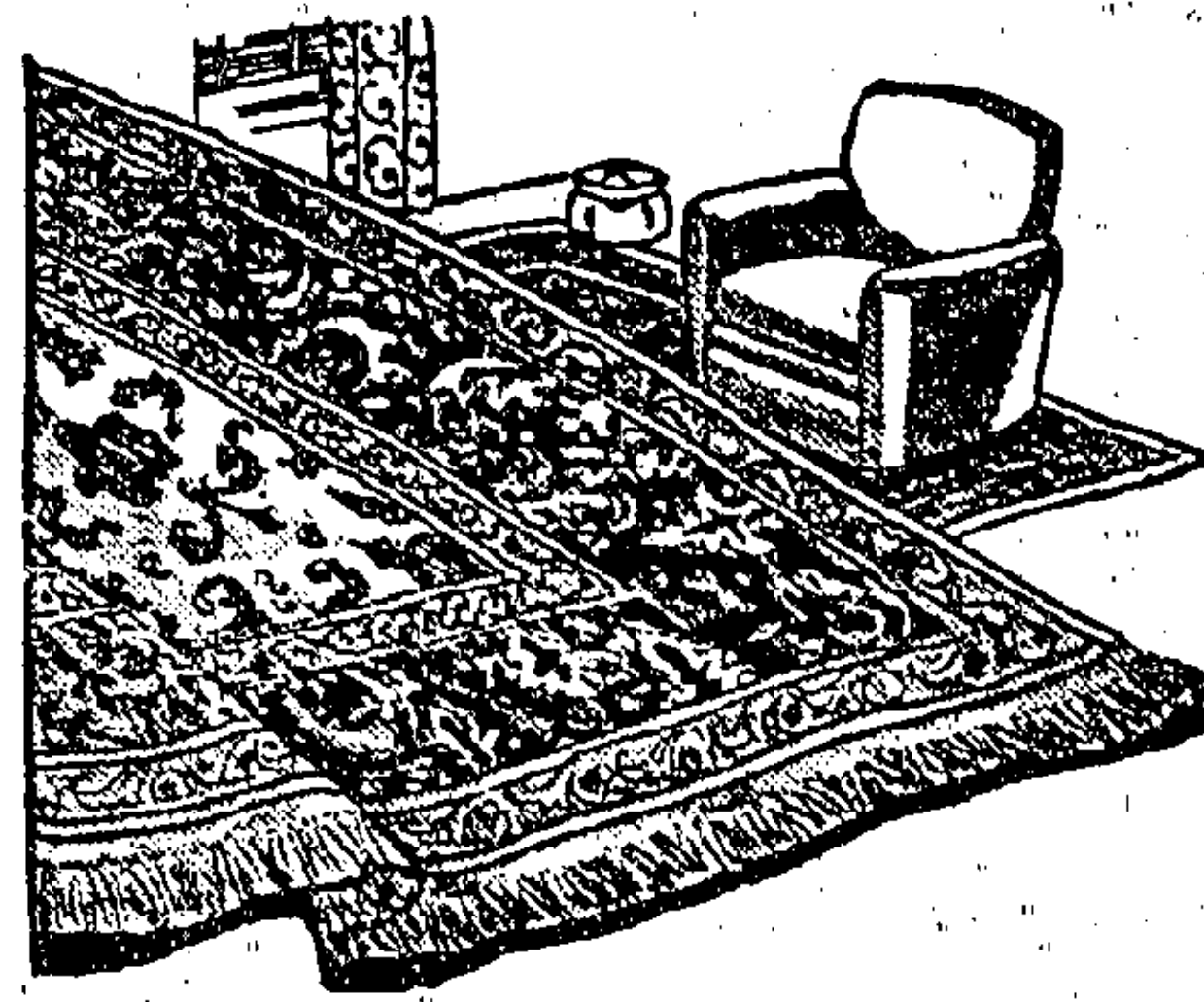
Mr. Au Yeung Yue-shun, accountant, of No. 190 Hollywood Road, and Miss Tsui Fung-chan, of No. 25 Tan Lung Street;

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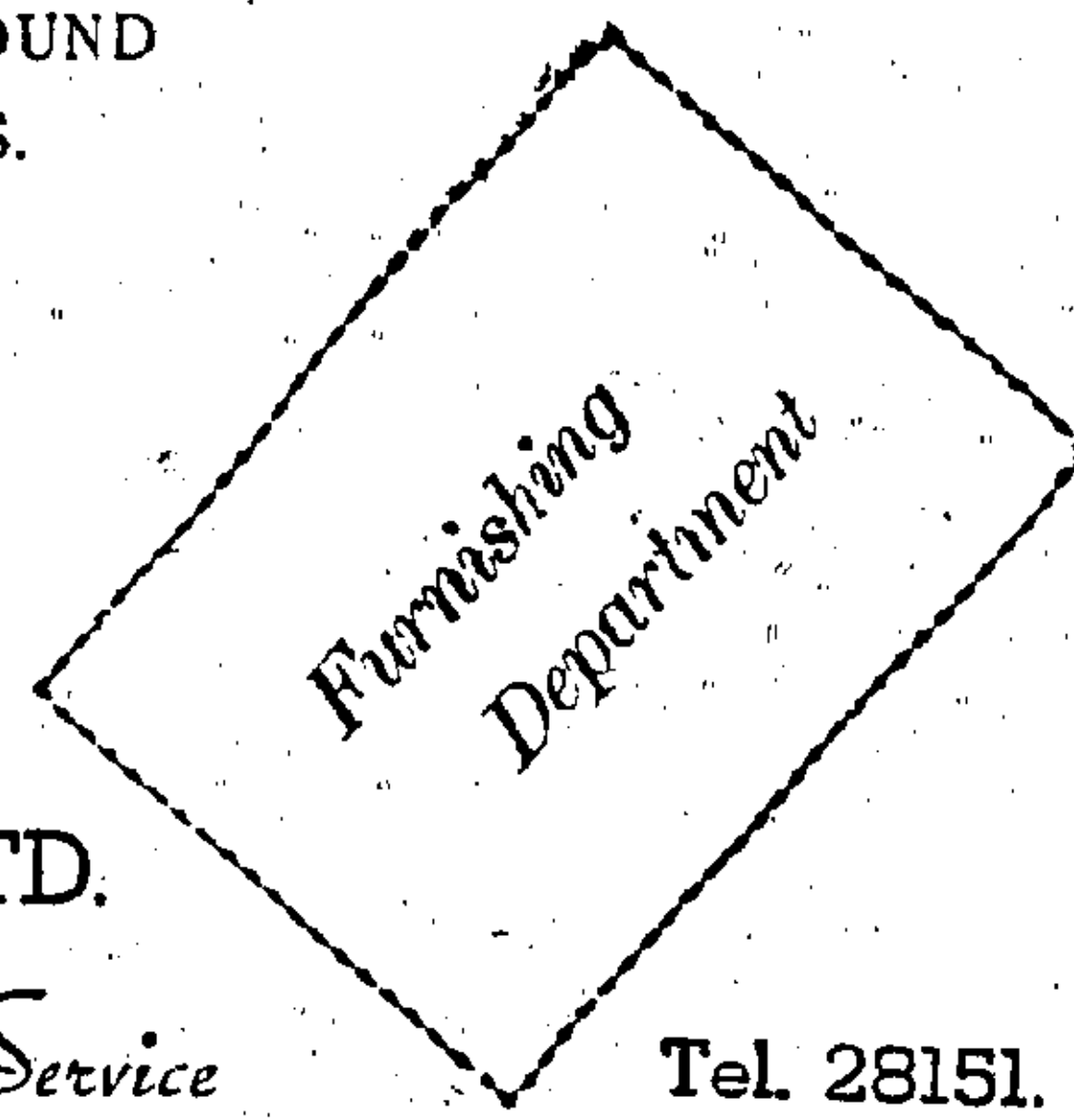


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HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

Notice to Members

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of this Association will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Linstead & Davis, 1st floor, Exchange Building, on Friday, 14th March, 1941, at 5.30 p.m.

LINSTAED & DAVIS,
Secretaries & Treasurers.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hongkong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such share so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941; one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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G. R. COMMISSIONERS POWERS ORDINANCE, 1886.

NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified for general information that the first public session of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the affairs of the Immigration Department will be held shortly on a date to be announced by proclamation in the Gazette and all persons wishing to testify before the said Commissioners are requested to give written notice to the undersigned at the Colonial Secretary's Office by the earliest possible date together with a brief memorandum of the evidence which they propose to offer.

The examination of witnesses will be held in public but the Commissioners may, if requested to do so for good cause, direct that the whole or part of any witness's evidence may be taken in private. Any request to this effect should be included in the above mentioned memorandum.

K. M. A. BARNETT,
Secretary to the Commissioners.

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HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

Tennis Tournament 1941

Closing date of ENTRIES has been extended to SATURDAY, 8th March 1941, at 6.00 p.m.

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THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941 to Saturday, 8th March, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 20th February, 1941.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March, 1941:—

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
2. For Power & Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
3. The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

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DEATH

LOWRIE.—At 14 Connaught Road P. & O. S. N. Co. on March 5th, Jack Lowrie, aged 77 years. Funeral cortege will pass the Monument to day at 5 p.m. Friends are invited to attend.

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JAPAN'S PART IN WAR OF NERVES

JAPAN appears to have failed lamentably in the part she was expected to play in Herr Hitler's war of nerves. The strategic defense preparations which Britain and the United States immediately made in the Pacific resulted in Japan losing the initiative in her political manoeuvring and an attempt to regain the offensive has now been taken by Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, when he presented a new diplomatic front by declaring that "the white races must cede Oceania to the Asiatics."

The theme in Mr. Matsuoka's statement was the well-worn German one of "lebensraum"—the claim for more elbow room for Japan. Oceania, according to Mr. Matsuoka, covers an area of 1,000 by 1,200 miles in the South Seas, though the extent of Japan's ambitions as propounded in her "New Order for Greater East Asia" envisaged a far wider sphere in which she desired to exert her influence. The fact that Japan has been forced on the defensive in this war of nerves is shown by the Domei Agency's endeavour to qualify Mr. Matsuoka's words to show that what he really meant to say was "the white races should give Japanese and the other Asiatic races a chance to emigrate to, and develop Oceania at least."

JAPAN'S propaganda machine, as a result of this diplomatic manoeuvring, has placed itself in an embarrassing position and in fear that this might induce the Japanese to take on a more quiescent attitude, Nazi propagandists are now reported to have arrived in Tokyo to fan the feelings of the population against Britain and her allies. Herr Hitler is evidently determined to make sure that Japan should continue to play her part as his pawn in a bid for world domination and the fact that the Nazi Embassy in Tokyo has increased its staff to 300 shows to what a degree German pressure is being exerted on the Japanese Government to prevent any weakening of the course which Herr Hitler has mapped out for Japan. In Japan's militarists, apart from any ideas Japan's statesmen may have on the subject, Herr Hitler has his best sympathisers. Having forced their

WELL-KNOWN H.K. RESIDENT PASSES

MR. JOHN LOWRIE

Mr. John Lowrie, who was at one time prominently identified with racing in the Colony, passed away at the age of 70 at his flat in the P. and O. Building yesterday morning.

Joining Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie 40 years ago the late Mr. Lowrie was still actively connected with the Company at the time of his death.

He was keenly interested in racing and was for many years a member of the Hongkong Jockey Club and owner of the successful Ulster stable. He was also a member of St. Patrick's Society and a prominent member of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

Before he was appointed to a shore position in Hongkong he served with the P. and O. ships at sea.

The funeral is expected to take place this afternoon.

EIRE WANTS ARMS FROM U.S.

DUBLIN, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Mr. Frank Aiken, Eire Minister for co-ordination of Defensive Measures, is leaving for the United States today by air to examine possibilities of purchasing arms and supplies from America, according to official sources.

Government to a policy of aggressive conquest, Japan's war crazed sabre-rattlers have all along shown themselves willing to adopt the Nazi methods, foolishly believing that by doing so they will be able to realise their ambitions in the South Seas, or Oceania, or whatever else Mr. Matsuoka prefers to call it. Despite the protestations of their diplomats and statesmen, therefore, any easing of the tension in the Pacific must not be taken too much for granted. As a writer in an American newspaper stated recently, only by disassociating herself entirely from the Axis group can Japan hope to convince the world that her only object is to preserve peace in the Eastern Hemisphere.

AT THE MOMENT, it is clear that this is too much to hope for and only a military setback will make it plain to her militarists that they have started out along the wrong road. Checked on her diplomatic front by Britain, the United States and China, Herr Hitler's dupes in Tokyo will no doubt redouble their moves in the direction which seems to them to offer the least line of resistance—Indo-China and Thailand. The war of nerves has been having full play in this quarter under the cloak of mediation. The manner in which the Vichy Government has been attempting to adopt a non-committal attitude to Japan's demands, as embodied in her proposals for ending the dispute between Indo-China and Thailand, "has" apparently caused irritation in Tokyo and a report from the Japanese capital declared that Mr. Matsuoka had demanded a final decision from Vichy by noon yesterday. It is doubtful whether the Vichy Government can play for time much longer and, if Japan's demands are granted in full, it is left to be seen how far the Japanese will permit their war of nerves to materialise into an actual conflict, in view of British, American and Dutch determination to resist. Japan might wish to take what advantage she can out of this settlement in Indo-China and Thailand alone, but pressure from Berlin might compel her to make a bid for further laurels in Malaya and the Dutch East Indies. It is then that the error of her calculations will become apparent.

NEWSETTES

An enjoyable evening was spent at the Cheero Club dance held last night.

The marriage took place on Feb. 22, at the Church of Christ the King, Shanghai, by Rev. Fr. L. MacGreal, of Bernardo de Sam Lazaro to Dr. Alda da Silva.

The marriage took place on Feb. 22, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Very Rev. Dean Trivett, M.A., D.D., of Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ballingall, Shanghai, to Collin, son of the late Norman Maclean and of Mrs. Maclean of St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

News has been received in Shanghai that on October 13, 1940, at Uddevalla, Sweden, Ella Gudrun Andersson (nee Andreasson), wife of Mr. H. M. Andersson formerly of the Chinese Maritime Customs, passed away peacefully after a short illness, at the age of 44.

Terminating a distinguished career in Shanghai lasting more than three years Col. J. W. Hornby, who has completed his period of secondment with the Shanghai Volunteer Corps left on Feb. 25 after handing over his important post to his successor, Lt. Col. G. H. Mann, MC.

The official Central News Agency of the Kuomintang will be represented at the White House press conference by Mr. David Lu its manager in Washington. Mr. Lu recently left Hongkong where he was manager of the Central News Agency branch office, and has now arrived at Washington.

A total of 290 riders of bicycles, states the Shanghai police report for January, were arrested during the month, of which 80 were charged with carrying passengers or bulky parcels to the common danger, 77 with failing to obey police signals and eighteen with trick or dangerous riding. Fines varied from 30 cents to \$5. No less than 107 bicycles were involved in accidents during the month, as compared with 105 during January 1940.

The death occurred on February 20, at the Sino-Foreign Clinic, Shanghai, of Nils Edvin Rabben, aged 36 years, Norwegian seaman of mv. Tjueca and domiciled at Bjugn, Norway. Funeral services were held on February 24, at the Hungjao Road Cemetery.

The death occurred suddenly on February 20, at Penang, of R. D. Thompson, Chief Engineer, Butterfield and Swire.

The death occurred on Feb. 25, at 40 Brenan Road, Jacob Aaron Fredericks, aged 74, dearly beloved husband of Florie Fredericks. Funeral took place yesterday at Bakal Road Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Jewish charities or the Central British War Fund.

The death occurred on Feb. 21, at the Paulin Hospital, Shanghai, of Nadejda Olofsen, aged 31 years, wife of Mr. N. E. B. Olofsen. Funeral services were held in the St. Nicholas Church, 18 Rue Cornelle, on February 25, and was followed by burial at the Pahnjenjao Cemetery.

The death occurred on Feb. 22, at her home, Passage 72, House No. 1, Route Dolfus, Shanghai, of Kum Mi Mary Talbot, aged 69 years, mother of Mrs. Daisy Leon. A Requiem Mass was held at the Church of Christ the King, 235 Rue Bourgeat, on Feb. 25, and was followed by burial at Bubbling Well Cemetery.

Captain W. H. Wilterdink, head of the Shanghai U.S. Navy Purchasing Office, was admitted to the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court, Shanghai on Feb. 24 by Judge Milton J. Helmick, in the presence of many American lawyers and friends. Mr. C. S. Franklin proposed Captain Wilterdink, stating that he had passed the examining board satisfactorily. Mr. William T. Collins, Clerk of the Court, then administered the oath and Captain Wilterdink signed the register of lawyers.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The following unclaimed telegrams (from Shanghai) are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—Renard, Repulse Bay Hotel; Tong Tse Wing, Ten Yat Co. 72A Queen's Road Central; Madam Wong, 5 Carnarvon Road, Kowloon; Pau, 509 Luk Kwok Hotel.

M.P.-JOURNALIST REVIEWS THE BALKAN SCENE: HITLER IN A HURRY

"The Germans, unlike the French revolutionaries, are never presumptuous to force themselves on other people."—Quoting this sentence from an article, which appeared recently in the Nazi paper, Frankfurter Zeitung, MR. VERNON BARTLETT, M.P., well-known authority on international affairs reviewed the latest developments in what he described as "the Balkan Scene," when he broadcast from London yesterday.

"The happiest people in Bulgaria today must be the Germans," said Mr. Bartlett, "for they can now throw away their tourist clothes and get into uniform again."

M. FILOFF'S HESITATION

"The military importance of this new agreement between the Axis and Bulgaria can be exaggerated, but it was clearly seen that M. Filoff, the Bulgarian Prime Minister, was not going to live up to the statement he made on January 3 when he declared that he would resist aggression. Had he meant what he said, he might have had Britain and Turkey helping him now to defend his country."

"But M. Filoff hesitated just long enough after his vague offer to the Soviet for a mutual pact of assistance, to enable the Germans to gain the upper hand."

"Now comes the Soviet reminder to the Bulgarian Government that by allowing Germans to enter their territory they have extended the war. What the motives are behind this Soviet statement is not clear, but it is an encouraging one to the Turks who feel the same way about the Bulgarian surrender."

EXCUSE FROM MOSCOW

"It may, of course, be an excuse from Moscow for not having strengthened Bulgarian policy in the past. It may also be a warning to Germany that her troops are getting too close to Russian interests."

Mr. Bartlett went on to remind his listeners that only as recently as last Thursday the German Foreign Office declared that there could be no question of German troops marching into Bulgarian territory and that all reports of German penetration into Bulgaria were without any truth.

"This same process of appeasement is now being turned against Greece and Yugoslavia," said Mr. Bartlett. "The Greeks will stand up to it much better today than they would have done a fortnight ago, for they know now the extent to which they can look to Britain and Turkey for help. The Greeks are not at all likely to sacrifice to Herr Hitler the independence for which they have been fighting so well against Signor Mussolini."

"They know what Nazi control of Salonika would mean. Still, though they have got a good frontier in the north and south, their eastern frontier is not well defended. For some years now, Greek relations with Bulgaria have been improving and consequently nothing was done to improve the defences of their country."

MOVE AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA

Mr. Bartlett next referred to the possibility of German moves against Yugoslavia. Young King Peter, he said, would be 18 in September next and would come to the throne. A German newspaper had declared in an article on Yugoslavia that a change in the structure of Yugoslavia must be completed before King Peter ascended the throne.

"In other words," said Mr. Bartlett, "the Nazis are determined to prevent a strong Central Government."



fralist Government such as the Regent, Prince Paul, would have liked to have."

Mr. Bartlett recalled how he had met the Regent, on a visit to Bulgaria and found him a charming man who was ever ready to talk on international affairs. The Regent had read every book that one might have expected every liberal-minded Englishman to have read. He had to take particular care in using his influence and not to commit King Peter to any adverse policy.

IMPORTANT VISIT

"In these circumstances," went on Mr. Bartlett, "it becomes more important than ever that Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, to be on the spot. The Germans must know enough about the talks he has had with the Turkish and Greek Governments to make them hesitate in attacking Greece. It is likely, therefore, that they really want to see what effect the concentration of their troops on the borders of Greece, and Turkey will have on the governments of the other countries."

"Last week I said that Herr Hitler would only attack Salonika if he felt it would open a way to the East. There is another reason, which I did not mention last week, which may compel Herr Hitler to hurry on with this—that is the attitude of Italy."

ENCOURAGING ITALY

"I expect you have noticed reports stating that German patrols have appeared in Libya. Their presence there is rather to encourage the Italians than to fight the British. I don't mind betting that in a day or so we shall hear it being said that the Germans have saved Tripolitania from the British."

"I have emphasised in these talks how improbable it is that the British would attempt to take Tripolitania. So if we don't advance into Tripolitania, it will not be because of the Germans, but because of the need to use our Mediterranean Army elsewhere."

"If the Germans were to attack Salonika, that would relieve Greek pressure on the Italians in Albania and this will be necessary to prevent the increasing demoralisation in the Italian army and Herr Hitler might feel that he should do something to check the feeling of defeatism in Italy."

SEVEN BIG QUAKES PREDICTED FOR 1941

There will be "destructive" to "very severe" earthquakes at seven different times during the year 1941, according to Mr. Edgar C. Truapp, a retired civil engineer of Vancouver, who has been quite successful in the last five years in such predictions.

He said that he feared that because of the pull of the planets that 1941 would be one of the worst earthquake years of the 20th century. The most severe quake of the year, he predicted, would occur between August 20th and September 10th and between the hours of 4 and 10 p.m.

The engineer contends that the planets when in certain positions exert a gravitational effect on the earth, which creates a wave on the side of the earth opposite the planets. If this wave is unusually large, he said, because of the gravitational pull by the planets it will cause quakes if it hits a weak spot or a geological fault in the earth's crust.

Professor H. A. Coombs, seismologist of the University of Washington, who has been checking on Mr. Truapp's predictions, said recently that "they were much better than mere chance. Most quake predictions are based on mere guesses, but Mr. Truapp has something different."

Mr. Truapp's 1941 predictions call for severe quakes between January 20 and February 10; March 20 and April 5; June 25 and July 20; October 22 and November 7 and December 15 to January 10, 1942.

OVER 100 THOUSAND PRISONERS TAKEN BY BRITISH IN THE LIBYAN CAMPAIGN

Main Advance In Italian Somaliland Making Further Progress: Towns Taken

CAIRO, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The British took more than 133,295 prisoners during the 62 days of the Libyan campaign, according to an official announcement. This may be compared with 130,476 Germans which the British Army captured in 63 days in the last months of the Great War. Guns captured from the Italians in Cyrenaica total well over 1,200.

A message from Nafiri states that Isia, Balda and Bulmo Buti, both about 170 miles north-west and due north respectively of Mogadishu, have been captured. Large stocks of arms, petrol, foodstuffs and stores of all kinds continue to be discovered and it will take a considerable time to assess the amount captured.

The total number of prisoners captured is now approaching 100,000.

"These captures," says the communiqué "and the destruction of enemy formations on the River Juba, give lie to the statement by the Italians that Italian Somaliland has been voluntarily evacuated."

"Our casualties since the beginning of this offensive in the whole of East Africa from Feb. 12 to Feb. 27 are 50 killed, 148 wounded and two missing."

ADVANCE PROGRESSING
The British main advance is progressing satisfactorily in Italian Somaliland, states an official communiqué issued in Cairo.

Meanwhile, it continues, subsidiary operations are continuing towards the south-east frontier of Abyssinia, where on March 1 a further 1,000 prisoners were taken.

On March 1 and 2, the South African Air Force carried out raids on southern Abyssinia. On March 1 a fortified position north of Havello was bombed and on the following day a bombing raid

Eden, Dill Talks With Greeks End

Mr. Eden and General Dill have concluded their talks with High Greek officials in Athens and the conversations are reported to be satisfactory in all respects, states a London message.

Mr. Eden and his delegation will be leaving shortly for Cairo.

The Foreign Secretary paid a final visit to the Greek Premier while Gen. Dill visited the British hospital and Army canteen. (Special)

LITTLE AIR ACTIVITY

CARDIFF AGAIN RAIDED

There was once again little enemy air activity over Britain on Tuesday night, states a London message, which adds that the raids were confined to the south-east part of the country and these were ended before midnight.

Cardiff was again bombed and fires were caused. One enemy bomber was shot down into the Bristol Channel bringing the total "bag" to five during recent operations.

Bombs were also dropped elsewhere on the south coast and Thames Estuary but there were only a few casualties and little damage. (Special)

BRIGHT HOPES HELD OUT FOR FAR EASTERN SITUATION

LONDON, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—Following a 30-minute conversation between Mr. Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador, and Mr. Churchill last night, it is understood in well-informed quarters that the talk has greatly clarified the air and has revealed that general problems in the Far East are responsive to understanding treatment learns Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Mr. Shigemitsu handed Mr. Churchill a communication from Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister.

It will be recalled that Mr. Matsuoka sent a direct message to Mr. Churchill, to which the latter replied on Monday, February 24.

Mr. Matsuoka has now sent his response to Mr. Churchill's observations.

The conversations were, therefore, continuation of the talks which have been proceeding for some time.

CESSION OF OCEANIA

TOKYO, Mar. 5 (Reuter).—The speech by the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, last week, wherein he was reported as stating that "the white races must cede Oceania to the Asiatics" has provoked a long statement from the Domei news agency.

The agency says that the speech was misunderstood abroad and that there was nothing aggressive in Mr. Matsuoka's speech. It also says that Mr. Matsuoka's actual words were "It is my consistent intention that the white races should give the Japanese and other Asiatic races the chance to emigrate to and develop Oceania, at least."

BADMINTON RESULTS

St. John's beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 5 sets to 4 in the 'B' Division of the Badminton League last night. Victoria Recreation Club defeated Jewish R. C. 6-3 and St. Andrew's Club beat Police by the same score.

FISHING JUNK VISITED

Money and articles, aggregating HK\$230, and \$700 in Chinese currency notes were stolen by five armed men on board a fishing junk anchored off Ap Chau Island, Mirs Bay, yesterday morning.

Liu Tin, 56, master of the junk, N. 525B, was sleeping at 2 a.m., when he was awakened by three men, two of them masked and one armed with a short firearm. Shortly after, two more men, one carrying a revolver, came aboard.

They took the junk to the north side of the Island and ransacked it for two hours before they left.



Turkey Is Key To Balkan Situation, Says Cyril Lakin

Turkey, with its mountainous country and possessing the finest infantry in the world, is the key to the situation in the Balkans, said MR. CYRIL LAKIN, B.B.C. commentator, in a broadcast from London yesterday.

Neutrality had done nothing to protect Norway, Denmark, Rumania or even Bulgaria. Every country that can be swallowed up by the German Government will be swallowed up, he continued.

YUGOSLAVIA WARNED

Incidentally, the Turks had been giving the Yugoslavs the benefit of their far-sightedness, for, when the Turkish Cabinet was examining Herr Hitler's message to President Inonu, the Ankara Radio warned Yugoslavia that she might as well be dead or join the Axis.

"Look at Rumania," the broadcast stated. "That is what happened to a nation lacking courage

to resist. Why have the Axis Powers turned to South-Eastern Europe? Because they have not the courage to attack Britain directly."

Bulgaria's surrender had brought the war much nearer to Turkey, but she would have no difficulty in dominating the Black Sea or preventing German troops from landing on the north-east corner of Asia Minor.

MORE CANADIANS

Which reminded Mr. Lakin that thousands more Canadian troops had safely reached England from Canada across the Atlantic Ocean which Hitler claimed to dominate. A spokesman stated last week that there had not been a single loss of life among Canadian soldiers ever since they were transported over to the Mother Country.

Turning to Abyssinia, Mr. Lakin said that operations there continued successfully. Keren was the important Italian stronghold situated on a rocky plateau 4,000 feet high and no more difficult country could be imagined. General Cunningham had made his plans and it was only a matter of time before the garrison at Keren ran out of supplies and surrendered.

INTERESTING NEWS

Mr. Lakin concluded by saying that an interesting bit of news in London was the visit, at his own request, the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Shigemitsu, to the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, at No. 10 Downing Street.

It was believed that Mr. Shigemitsu gave the observations of the Japanese Government on the Note recently handed by the Premier to the Japanese Envoy.

Mr. Lakin also referred to the most far-reaching scheme in industrial reorganisation ever put forward by a British Government as announced in the House of Commons. But there was this to be borne in mind, added Mr. Lakin. The Germans carried out such a scheme with the aid of the Gestapo, but in England there was the pledge of fair play.

MORE MEN FOR ARMS WORKS

One hundred thousand men will be released for work in arms production following a decision by the Board of Trade to close factories engaged in hosiery, textiles, etc., states a London message.

Lancashire is probably the area most affected and the MANCHESTER GUARDIAN writes that there will be no opposition to the scheme, the chief criticism being that it was 12 or 18 months late.

There was the promise that the factories would be reopened after the war; also the retransfer of labour. (Special)

PRESIDENT'S ENVOY MAKES STIRRING APPEAL FOR DEMOCRACY IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, FEB. 23.—MR. LAUGHLIN CURRIE, personal economic envoy of President Roosevelt to Free China, in his first public address here Saturday afternoon, delivered a stirring appeal for the democratic way of life. He addressed the Sino-American Institute of Cultural Relations. Chinese national government leaders, including Vice Premier H. H. Kung and Foreign Minister Wang Chung-hui, openly expressed tremendous satisfaction with Currie's message.

Mr. Currie spoke feelingly of Chinese resistance against the Japanese invaders and of America's part in it. He drew heavy applause when he said "I pray God that the United States will not disappoint Chinese expectations."

SIMILAR IDEALS
The speaker declared he was impressed with the similarity of Chinese and American ideals. He said it was heartening to know that China was not only preserving freedom but was taking steps to bring the benefits of democracy to her citizens.

He added that at the present time Americans are acutely aware of the necessity for democracy and that Americans felt friendly about Chinese trends toward democracy which is not only a question of justice but of equal justice, civil liberties and impartial administration of law.

HIGH MORALE
Mr. Currie said he had discovered that in many respects China was proceeding along such lines and that he had also noted the Chinese were placing patriotism above self-interest. He said

he was amazed at the hundreds of Chinese who were refusing to be discouraged. He added "Chinese morale is awfully good."

The speaker said he felt that Chinese soldiers stand at the outpost of world civilisation and deserved the assistance which the United States had to offer.

Chinese circles were convinced that he would recommend as much aid to China as is possible upon his return to Washington.

LARGE MORALE

The occasion marked the second anniversary of the institute, of which Kung is president. In honour of Washington's birthday the meeting hall had a large mural depicting Washington, and Confucius guarding a world globe. Under it were the words "World Peace."

After Mr. Currie's speech, United States Ambassador Nelson T. Johnson arose and remarked that in the mural both Confucius and Washington carried swords. He said he hoped that when both the United States and China are fully armed they will get together for world peace.

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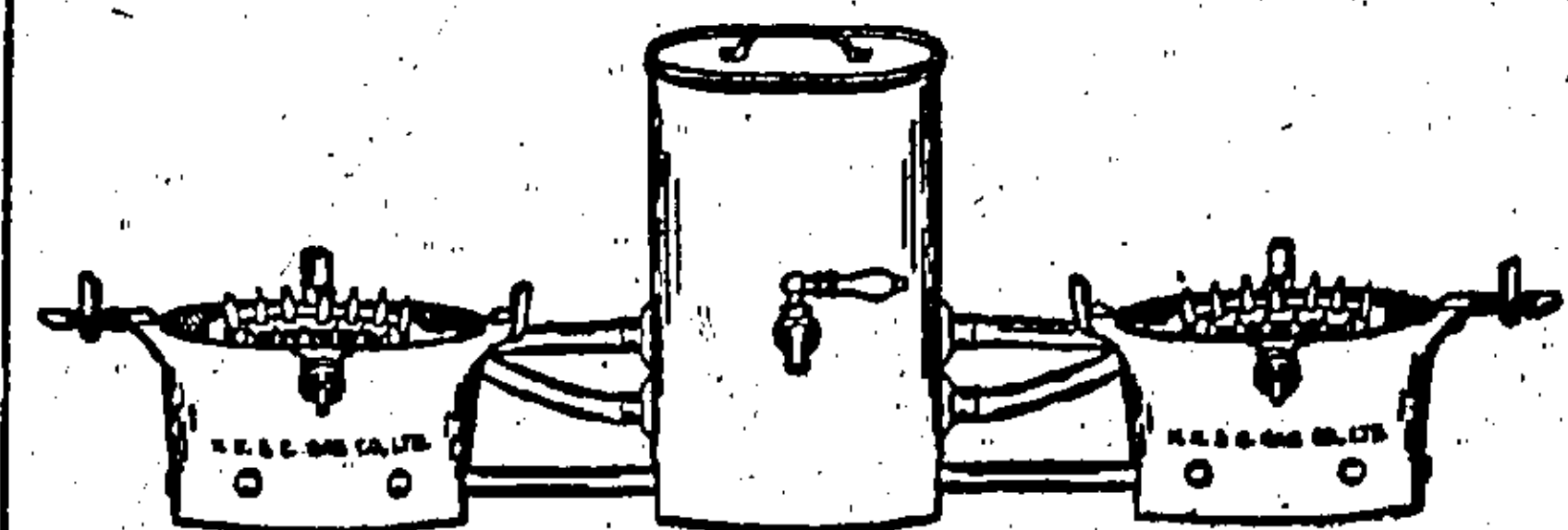
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JAPANESE AIR RAID ON CHANGSHA

CHANGSHA, March 5 (Central).—After a long respite, 30 Japanese planes staged a raid over Changsha yesterday morning. They were greeted by thunderous Chinese anti-aircraft fire and forced to break formation. After unloading their bombs haphazardly, they flew away in a northerly direction. Damage caused by the raid is understood to be slight.

KIANGSI RAIDED

KIANGSI, March 5 (Central).—Fifty-six Japanese planes in several squadrons raided Yushan and other towns in Kiangsi yesterday. Reports thus far received indicate that not much damage was done in spite of the widespread Japanese air activities.

FORTY CAPITAL SHIPS ON ORDER FOR WORLD NAVIES

LONDON, March 5 (Reuter).—Striking evidence of the ever-growing naval expansion of the Great Powers, particularly the United States, and of the destruction of a major part of Mussolini's battle fleet is contained in the 1940 edition of "Jane's Fighting Ships" which estimates that 40 capital ships are under construction or on order in the world today.

Despite wartime censorship and secrecy, the volume contains new plans of the world's most powerful battleship, King George V, in which Lord Halifax went to America; plans of the new German battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz; and details of powerful units which America, Japan and Italy are adding to their fleets.

A war loss section, included for the first time since 1919, gives details of casualties in the belligerent navies, prefaced by aerial photographs of the destruction wrought among the Italian Fleet at Taranto by the Air Arm last November.

Britain's losses of big ships have been comparatively slight, the highest price being paid by small ships, over 100 of them being lost, some without trace. Britain had also lost 36 destroyers and 28 submarines up to the time the lists were compiled.

AXIS FLEETS

Germany's fleet is reduced by one pocket battleship, the Graf Spee, four cruisers and 13 destroyers, while it is thought that few of the 70 U-boats with which she began the war still remain in service.

Excluding the damage at Taranto, Italy has lost a cruiser, seven destroyers and at least 30 submarines.

On the world's new capital ships construction, all with the exception of four Japanese pocket battleships are of at least 35,000 tons

while 20, if not more, are of 40,000 tons or over. The latter include four British of the Lion class, the first two of which are due to be completed in 1943.

U.S. PROGRAMME

The United States has 17 battleships building or on order and it is suggested that some of these may have a displacement of 52,000 tons.

Other items of the American building programme include 12 aircraft carriers, 54 cruisers, 200 destroyers and 80 submarines.

It is impossible to guess how many submarines Germany has laid down since there is no solid basis for the American estimate of 300, but it is believed that this figure is by no means unreasonable.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that German capital ships under construction may include two 40,000-ton vessels to be called Friedrich der Grosse and Hindenburg while reports that the battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz are in full commission must, it is stated, be treated with caution.

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Clothing, including Blankets and Serge and Duck, etc., Remnants, Electro Plate, Cutlery and Table Linen, etc., etc.

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LOCAL ESTATE

Local estate sworn under \$500 had been left by the late Mr. Maurice Louis Jenkins, former first mate of the s.s. Shun Chih, who died at the Military Hospital, Saigon, on July 28, 1940. A petition for letters of administration of the will has been granted to Lancelot Ruggles Andrewes, Official Administrator.

Many prominent guests and members of the China Branch of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers attended the annual dinner of the society at the Shanghai Club, on Feb. 21. Among those present were Messrs. A. H. George, V. G. Bowden, F. T. Hookham, Colonel DeWitt Peck, Colonel J. W. Hornby, Mr. J. A. Bonnyman, Admiral W. A. Glasford and Mr. C. W. Johnson, Chairman of the Institute.

A.R.P. WARDENS WILL BE PAID

"There is no truth whatever in the rumour," said Wing-Comdr. A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, Director of A.R.P., when asked by a Hongkong Daily Press reporter yesterday whether it was true that A.R.P. wardens will NOT be paid on their next mobilisation, for black-out exercises.

Rumours had it that, in order to cut down expenses as well as to bring the practices more into line with the weekly whole-day exercises of the H.K.V.D.C., it was decided to discontinue the policy of paying those wardens mobilised during black-out exercises.

The savings effected by this step would be enormous as the wardens' pay ranges from \$1.50 to \$25 per day (as compared to \$1 for a Special Constable and two shillings, or about \$1.60, for a Volunteer), and the mobilised strength is about 3,000 to 4,000 men and women!

A.R.P. ORDERS

MARCH 5, 1941

A.R.P. Orders issued by Wing-Comdr. A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

ATTENDANCE MEETING
There will be no attendance in Hongkong or in Kowloon next week.

STRENGTH-DECREASE
The following Wardens have been permitted to resign:—

453 M. A. Xavier, 114 Lam Tin-sau and 402 S/W Lau Sui-wing (Central), Deputy Divisional Warden R. H. Wild (Western); 2411 Wong Wing-sang and 2787 Wong Kwan-mow (Shamshui-poi).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS
Deputy Divisional Warden P. L. Wong, Hung Hom, to 8 Fuk Lo Tsun Road, 2nd floor; 2122 Miss Lau Pui-yau (K.C.Y.) to 5 Shek Pik Road, 2nd floor (Y); 3201 Lai Shi-wai (E) to Po Hing Co. Old Main Street (A); 1694 Hui Wah (E) to 1 Kai U Fong, West (M.K.); 1855 Chui Shiu-yin (M.K.) to 355 Tai Nam St., ground floor (S.S. Fo); Dep. S/W 163 Yuen Shu-hung (C) to Asia Co. Store, Queen Mary Hospital, Upper Levels; Divisional Warden A. Hyde-Lay (E) to St. John's Flat, 3 Tai Hang Road; 2224 Poon Kam-wah (W) to 12 Hennessy Road, 1st floor (E); 439 Tsang Kong-noo (E) to 67 Queen's Road Central, 1st floor (C); S/W 1310 Lau Wood-chun (Q) to 85 Main Street, 2nd floor (A).

APPOINTMENT
The following appointment is notified with effect from March 4—3605 A. Palce to be District Warden, Stanley.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE
492 Miss Cheng Mel-ching, granted two months extension of leave, as from Jan. 28; 418 Miss Ng Wai-fong granted two months extension of leave as from Feb. 5.

INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES
Telephonists Course.—An instructional course (E. 39) for telephonists is now in progress at the A.R.P. Club, King's Park, Kowloon, and the next lecture will be on Friday, March 7 at 5.45 p.m.

A similar course in Hongkong will commence shortly and candidates are asked to send their names to this Office.

EXAMINATION RESULTS
The following qualified as Air Raid Wardens but are not available for A.R.P. Service:

Miss Leung Kim-hung, Choi Yick-hang, and Tse Ping-hang.

STRENGTH-INCREASE
The following have qualified as Air Raid Wardens and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:—

Western.—3802 Chan Kim, 3605 Lee Mui, 3607 Miss Leung Wai-kay, 3608 Lo For, 3609 Lui Sal-kok, 3610 Mak Tsin-wan, 3611 Mok Ping-sau, 3612 Poon Po-chung, 3613 Wong Hoo; Aberdeen.—3546 Choy Wing-chu; Upper Levels.—1602 Ho Shai-cheong; Shaukiwan.—3547 Miss Pun Wai-man; Central.—3570 Luk Pik-leung, 3579 Woo Yiu-kwong, 3582 Tang Shun-chee; Eastern.—3523 Ma Sun-hang, 3590 Miss Tsai Ming-yee; A.R.P. Headquarters, Hongkong.—3512 C. B. Brown.

(Sgd.) B. H. FICKLE,
Deputy Director of A.R.P.

A.R.P. WARDEN CHARGED

Alleged to have threatened to bring a summons against complainant unless he agreed to settle the matter with "tea money," an A.R.P. warden, Wong Kam-chuen, 36, was charged with demanding money with menaces before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday.

Hearing of the case was fixed for Friday afternoon.

Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin, who was in charge of the case, stated that last Thursday defendant approached the master of the Chung Wah Band, Au Sik, and told him that his lights were not properly screened. Accused was alleged to have threatened complainant that unless he paid \$9 "tea money" a summons would be brought against him.

An arrangement was made to meet the following evening in a tea-house and in the meantime, complainant informed the Police. When the 49

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

SNATCHER GAOLED

Alleged to have snatched a bag containing CNE\$3,000, \$1.75 guilders Holland, \$3.50 Hongkong currency, \$6 Shanghai currency, \$1 guilders Java and four annas from the person of Cheng Chuen, 47, money changer's fok, of No. 527, Shanghai Street, ground floor, at Connaught Road Central on Tuesday, Lam Yik-wan, 24, was charged with larceny of the money before Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Pleading guilty, defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Det.-Sgt. Dewar prosecuted.

UNREGISTERED PRACTITIONER
Wong Yuet wan, 35, described as a Chinese female doctor, of Room No. 11, Ho Tung Building, second floor, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday on counts of not being a registered medical practitioner, unlawfully practised for gain or professed to practice medicine or surgery and unlawfully had in possession eight ampoules of Hypophylin and a bottle of liquid extract of Ergot, which are poisons.

Defendant was remanded for a week and was allowed \$500 bail.

Sub-Insp. C. H. Goodwin is in charge of the case.

HEARING FIXED
Hearing of the case in which Fong Hok-man, 28, accountant, is charged with illegal pawning of a gold and diamond ring, the property of Ip Lau-ching, spinster, of No. 13 Second Street, ground floor, at the Lee Sang Pawn Shop, Pokfulam Road, on Oct. 1, 1939 was fixed for Mar. 14 at 10.30 a.m. by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Mr. M. A. da Silva is appearing for defendant, while Insp. Tuckett is in charge of the case.

Defendant was on a \$100 bail.

ROOM BOY VICTIMISED
The robbing of a room boy of \$1.83 at Graham Street in the early morning of Tuesday had a sequel yesterday before Mr. G. T. Lowry.

Accused was Kwong Fu, 22, who was charged with demanding money with menaces and impersonating a Police officer with another not in custody.

He pleaded not guilty to the impersonating charge, which was subsequently withdrawn, but was sentenced to six months' hard labour on the other count.

Det.-Sgt. Summers prosecuted.

GAMING HOUSE
Charged with keeping a common gaming house for the purpose of "the fa" at No. 1, Tun Choi Lane, first floor, on Mar. 4, Li Tsun, 41, unemployed, was fined \$30 or one month's hard labour Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Defendant had one previous conviction.

Det.-Sgt. Willison prosecuted.

SHOPLIFTER CONVICTED
Sentence of three weeks' hard labour was imposed on Kwok Shu-hung, 32, unemployed, by Mr. Lowry yesterday for stealing one pound of knitting wool, valued at \$8.50, from the Sun Company on Mar. 4.

Det.-Sgt. Dewar said that defendant picked up the parcel of wool from a counter and hid it under his long gown. He was arrested when he was walking away.

FORGED BANKNOTES
On the application of Sub-Insp. Moran, a week's remand was granted by Mr. Sheldon yesterday on Lui To, 48, unemployed, and a 14-year-old girl, who are charged with conspiracy in connection with forged banknotes.

The girl is also charged with possession of two forged \$10 Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, 10 Hongkong Government \$1 and one ten yuan Bank of Communications notes.

Each defendant was allowed a \$100 bail.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING
Alleged to have chopped Lau Yat-sing, Leung Tak, 45, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday charged with malicious wounding.

Det.-Sgt. R. Macvey said that complainant was the keeper of an opium divan. On Feb. 14, defendant and another man named Ah Choi went to the divan. After they each had smoked some opium, Ah Choi was alleged to have walked away with some opium pipes.

Defendant, who was asked to return the pipes, armed himself with a chopper and struck complainant.

After hearing the case, Mr. Sheldon ordered that defendant be remanded for 24 hours.

marked notes were handed to defendant he was arrested.

Mr. F. H. Losby will appear for defendant who was released on \$250 bail.

AT KOWLOON

TICKET SELLING RACKET

"The ticket selling racket," has been going for years in the Colony and I understand that one or two murder cases have their origin from this. I ask your Worship to take a very serious view against this offence."

This was addressed to Mr. H. C. Macnamara by W. A. Jones, Superintendent of the Inland Revenue, yesterday when Lam Kau, 20, was charged with breach of Public Entertainment Regulations by selling tickets outside the New Tai Yat Theatre at Reclamation Street.

Outlining the case, Sgt. J. F. Ferrier said that about 8 p.m. on Tuesday a Chinese detective approached defendant who was standing outside the theatre selling tickets. The detective gave accused 20 cents and received a front stall ticket, which was worth 10 cents, and change of seven cents.

Defendant was arrested and on his person the Police found 18 front stall tickets which accused sold at a profit of three cents each.

Accused was fined \$75 or a month's hard labour.

FALSE PRETENCES
Convicted of obtaining \$70 from a shop master by false pretences, Lin Kwong, 25, travelling trader, and Liu Pui-sang, 40, were each sentenced by Mr. Macnamara yesterday to four months' hard labour, to be followed by expulsion.

Det.-Sgt. J. Johnston, prosecuting, said that complainant in this case was Choi Chun-chuen, master of a wolfram shop at Reclamation Street.

On Feb. 28 defendants, with others not in custody, went to see Choi with a letter which requested complainant to advance \$70 to defendants by a customer. After giving \$50 to accused, Choi asked them to come back the following day to collect the rest.

The following day he had the defendants arrested when they came in for the \$20 having found that the chop was the same as his customer's.

INDIAN CHARGED
Alleged to have entered the Kowloon City Police Station and stealing a pair of leather shoes and two woollen pullovers, property of two Indian Constables, an Indian watchman, Jagat Singh, 36, was charged before Major A. N. Mac-hours.

Defendant was remanded for 48 hours yesterday with larceny.

MARINE COURT
A fine of \$25 was imposed by the Marine Magistrate, Lt.-Comdr. J. Jolly, R.N.R., yesterday on Ho Shiu, coxswain of a junk, who pleaded guilty to having entered the Tat Hong Channel Minefield, a prohibited area.

Tam Ngan, a woman, was fined \$5 or seven days for having failed to take out a licence for her boat. Cheng Po-tak, a hawker, was fined \$10 or 14 days, for having boarded a vessel in Victoria Harbour without the permission of the master or officer in charge.

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF
Summary Court Claim
For Kowloon Flat

Judgment for plaintiff was given by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams at the Summary Court yesterday in a claim for possession against the occupant of No. 124 Leighton Road, first floor.

The plaintiff, who brought the action through her attorney, Wong Man, trading as the Chan King Land Investment Company, No. 12 Tai Wan Street, ground floor, was awarded \$37 damages and mesne profits and also costs of the action. The monthly rent of the premises was \$40.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland, Russ appeared for plaintiff while defendant was represented by Mr. F. Zimmern.

LIGHTNING STRIKES POLICE STATION
The Shataukok Police Station was struck by lightning about 10.30 a.m. yesterday during a thunder storm. The entire electrical system was put out of order while 23 electric bulbs were burned out and the wiring fused. Damage was also done to telephone communication.

A tree located about 10 yards away was struck by lightning and split into two. Fortunately nobody was injured.



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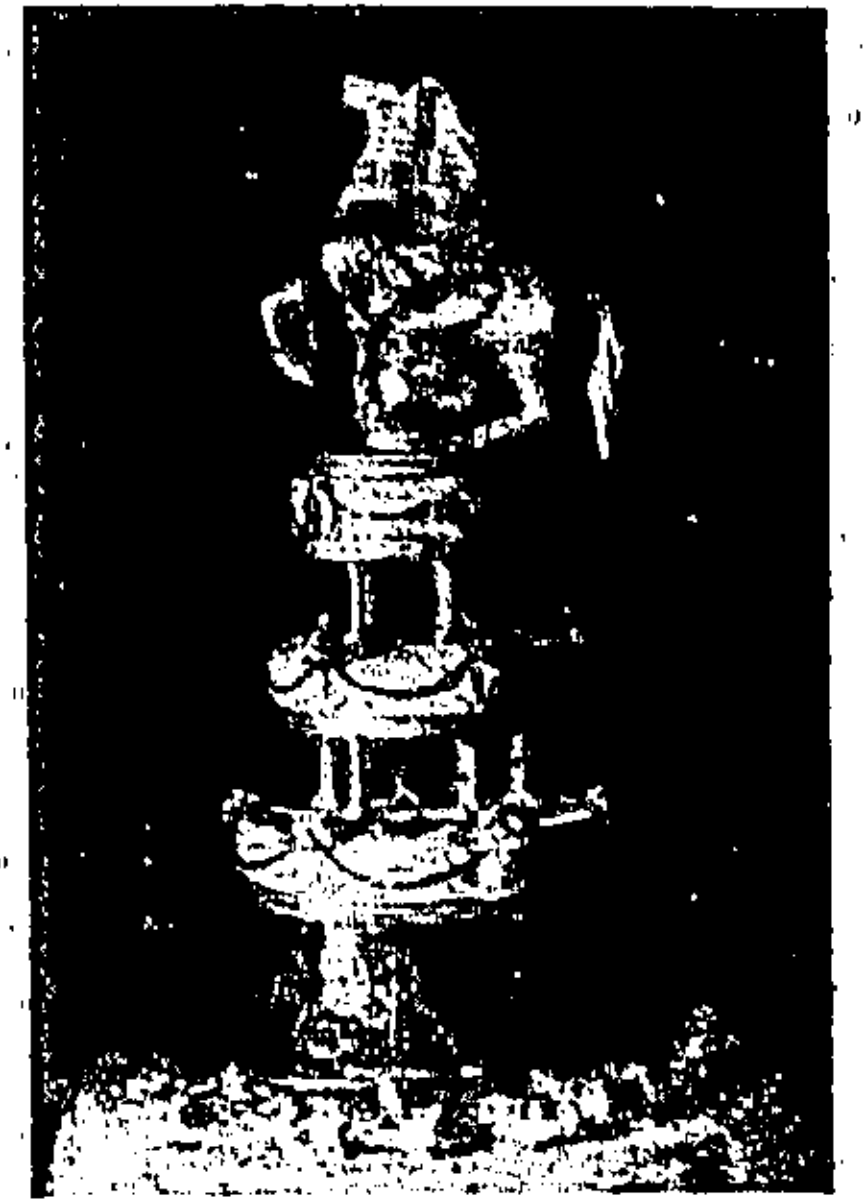
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ANNUAL MEETING OF H.K. SURVEYORS

The 13th Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong and China Branch of the Chartered Surveyors' Institution was held on Tuesday, March 4, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Chairman—Mr. J. Ring, F.S.I., B.Sc. (Eng.); Vice-Chairman—Mr. G. Grey, F.S.I., F.R.I.B.A.

Members of Committee—Mr. G. L. Wilson, F.S.I., F.R.I.B.A. (Shanghai), Lt. G. C. Richards, R.E., P.A. S.I., Mr. M. I. De Ville, P.A.S.I., Hon. Secretary—Mr. J. E. Richardson, F.S.I.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on March 4:—Diphtheria, two cases; Enteric Fever, two cases; Measles, four cases; Dysentery, two cases; Tuberculosis, 39 cases.

COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY
OF H.K. COAL TRADE

A very comprehensive survey of Hongkong's coal trade in 1940 is contained in a Report published by Messrs. K. B. Valdia and Co. of Nos. 12-14, Queen's Road Central.

Besides reviewing the local trade market, the Report embraces conditions in India, Netherlands East Indies, Shanghai, and Australia.

The local demand for coal, states the Report, began to decline with the fall of Canton and many importers, speculating on a revived demand, were caught napping by the Evacuation order in July last. The result of the evacuation was to bring the price of Indian coal down to \$40 per ton—or \$15 lower than cost price—without attracting buyers.

Both the import and export trading in coal fell during the year as the result of the blockade against Hongkong, and the closure of the coastal ports.

HIGH FREIGHT RATES

During 1940, Hongkong imported 639,481 tons of coal and coal products valued at about HK\$23,305,989 as against 655,560 tons valued at HK\$12,155,105 in 1939—an increase of 100 per cent. in the price, caused by high rates of freight and not by any rise in the price of coal itself in the exporting countries.

During the whole of last year, 35.6 per cent. of the coal imported into Hongkong came from the Netherlands East Indies; 24.9 per cent. from India; 24.1 per cent. from Indo-China; 5.5 per cent. from South Africa; 5.4 per cent. from Japan; 3.6 per cent. from North China; and point nine of one per cent. from Australia. Prices ranged from HK\$25.40 (for bituminous) and HK\$17.75 (anthracite) in January, to HK\$47.80 for the former in June and HK\$27.93 for

the latter in August, closing at HK\$36.17 and HK\$28.80, respectively, in December.

Indian coal fluctuated between HK\$27.60 in January and HK\$22.71 in July; while Japanese coal reached the peak price in June (HK\$54.80), after opening at HK\$18.85 in January.

GREAT INTEREST

The Report then proceeded to give detailed descriptions of the different varieties of coal, and coal products, which should be of great interest to those who use these commodities in any large quantities.

The consumption of coal in Hongkong, up to 1938, was about 50,000 tons per month, according to the Report under review, but dropped to 40,000 per month in 1939 and 1940.

The Report concluded with: "The future of the coal trade in the Colony is uncertain. It depends entirely on the political situation and ships being available for carrying coals to Hongkong from the exporting countries. However, all apparent signs are for rise in market prices due to scarcity in tonnage."

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Washington.—Down at the "bottom of the world" in the vast, mysterious Antarctic Continent lies a huge treasure in coal and other minerals, awaiting the day when man's ingenuity or necessity will lead him to exploit it, experts here say.

Members of the United States Antarctic Expedition, who are exploring parts of the continent's 5,000,000 square miles, believe such valuable as petroleum, pitchblende, gold and numerous other minerals lie beneath the ice and snow of the great land mass.

Evidence of huge coal deposits—probably sufficient to supply men's needs for many decades—already has been found somewhere near the South Pole. Even if it were physically possible, exploitation would be out of the question now because of the great expense involved, but someday such may not be the case, they say.

The discovery of coal, among other things, convinced explorers that Antarctica was at one time tropical or semitropical. Hence, they say, it is reasonable to expect that all resources of a hot climate may lie hidden here.

But the continent has been ice-covered for many thousands of years and for this reason scientists find the Antarctic of tremendous interest scientifically. They say that among other things, it gives no clue to what the region now comprising Canada and the northern part of the United States was like in the glacial period.

"CRADLE" OF WEATHER

Antarctica is also of great practical importance for the scientist. It is the "cradle" of weather for the entire Southern Hemisphere. Argentina recognized the importance of this many years ago and has a meteorological station at Laurie Island which has been making accurate long-range weather predictions for the benefit of its huge agricultural industry.

Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd, commander of the United States expedition, took two Argentine officers—Lieutenant Julio R. Roch and Lieutenant Emilio L. Daz to the expedition, took two Argentine officers—Lieutenant Frederico A. Bonet and Exequiel Rodriguez—also accompanied him.

The Antarctic has many mysteries which scientists are seeking to solve. Explorers call the continent the biggest question mark on the globe.

For example, exactly what are the spectacular Southern Lights and how do they come about?

Fish are never seen, according to men who accompanied the expedition. It is known there are fish in the Antarctic because they have been found in the stomachs of seals. Some believe they must live deep below the surface.

And there are mysteries concerning magnetic phenomena and its effect on wireless and telegraphic communications. The rate of movement of Antarctic ice and its temperature also is a matter of speculation.

Many of these questions undoubtedly will be answered some day, but at present they are still secrets of the world "down under," scientists say.

SURPLUS OF APPLES
IN AUSTRALIA

Australia will have a big surplus of apples this season, states a message from Sydney, and the Government has launched a scheme to deliver apples free by post to any address in the country.

The Sydney message also stated that the Premier of New South Wales announced a building scheme by which 100 houses would be available to married couples, and 500 for families with children, at moderate rentals. It is stated that more effective homes will help to check Australia's falling birth-rate. (Special).

RAUB AUSTRALIAN
GOLD MINING
CO., LTD.

The Hongkong Stock Exchange yesterday received a cable from Raub Australian Gold Mining Co. in code and in translating same reads as follows:—"Report 500 Ounces Fine 1,460."

DEVELOPMENT OF
AVIATION

How aviation has evolved in a mere span of 50 years from a fantasy to a great and vital service in transportation and national defence was interestingly sketched recently by Mr. F. F. Vaughan of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Co. with especial emphasis on the part played in aviation research by the oil interests.

Development of finer gasoline has been inseparable from the improvement of aeroplane engines, Mr. Vaughan explained. To attain the present high standard of aviation efficiency, under extreme mechanical precision, a constantly better fuel has been sought and found.

While it is a far cry from the crude engines of the earlier days of the century, the importance of those pioneer experiments cannot be treated with contempt. Hundreds of lives had to be given to bring flying to its present high factor of safety. That modern planes can whirl through space at eight miles a minute and reach an altitude of nine and one-half miles, it was necessary that the Wright brothers brave but clumsy attempt of a 120-foot, 12-second flight should have been recorded.

Nor should be overlooked still earlier experiments, when, instead of a 12-horsepower engine such as the Wright brothers used, spring propelled devices were tried. Then in 1891 a German introduced a machine using carbonic gas in connection with a successful glider, though he was killed in the attempt.

In 1896 Dr. Langley tried out the steam engine as a means of prop-

ulsion for aircraft. Great developments were made in France in the early years of the century, while the first World War definitely established the place of the aeroplane and greatly stimulated its development.

In the sensational improvements of recent years the real basis has been the reduction of the weight of motor in proportion to the horsepower generated. Mechanical skill, use of special alloys, and improvements in aviation fuel have all played their part.

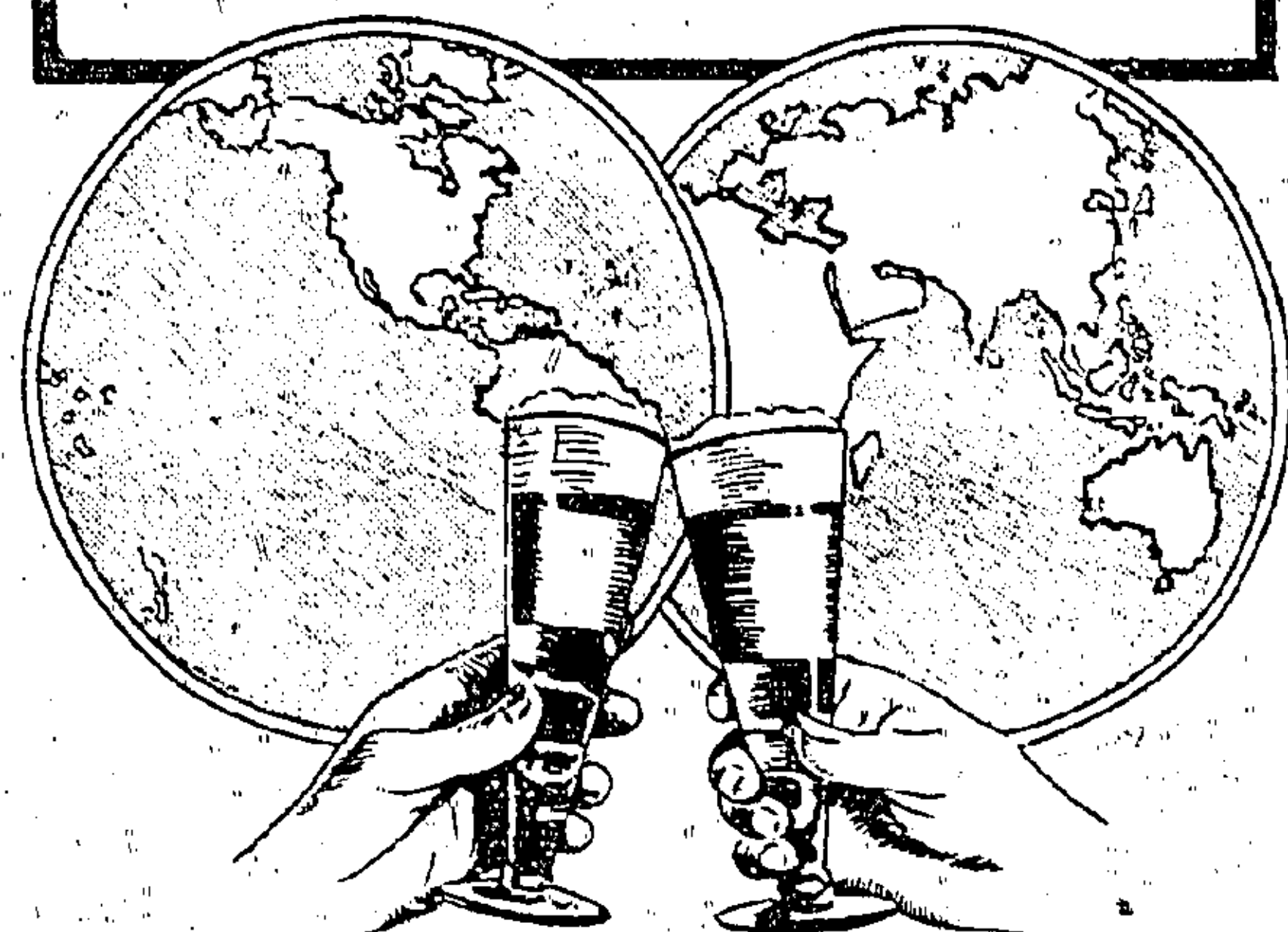
Only in 1922 was a scientific system established for grading gasoline to serve as an actual indication of performance. Now, with the use of the finest precision machines in testing fuel under actual performance conditions in the oil laboratories, progress is quicker in the developing of more efficient machines.

WANT COMPRESSION,
AVOID HEAT

The two big aims of the aviation motor expert are to increase compression and eliminate heat. It has been found that vaporizing fuel acts much like a spring; the stronger the compression, the greater the power recoil. Under terrific speeds, heat must be reduced to a minimum.

There are four principal means of producing gasoline, first by natural recovery, from the crudes, now somewhat outmoded. Then there is distillation, where the various grades are broken down and separated. What is known as "cracking" is, however, the process employed in making most gasoline used today. This employs heat and pressure. Then there is the chemical process of hydrogenation.

The tendency today is to use fuels with a higher octane content. At present 87 is the standard, but

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HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS
STOCK EXCHANGE

WEDNESDAY 5-MARCH.				WEDNESDAY 5-MARCH.			
Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
Banks							
11340	11340	45	H.K. Banks	11340	...	...	...
...	...	275	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	...	275
...	...	273	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	...	273
...	...	13/16	Chartered Bank	...	...	...	13/16
...	...	223	Mercantile Bk. "A"	...	...	...	223
...	...	21 1/2	Mercantile Bk. "C"	...	...	...	21 1/2
...	N. C. & S. Bank	...	...	...	...
...	Insurance	...	...	...	...
...	...	2215	Canton Insurance	...	...	...	2215
...	Union Insurance	...	...	...	...
...	Underwriters	...	...	...	...
...	...	1170	H.K. Fire	...	...	...	1170
Shipping							
...	...	1135	Douglases	...	...	...	1135
...	...	59	Steamboats	...	...	...	59
...	...	1200	Indo-China (Ref.)	...	...	...	1200
...	...	50	Indo-China (Ref.)	...	...	...	50
...	...	43/9	Shells	...	...	...	43/9
...	...	37	Waterboats	...	...	...	37
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.							
...	...	95	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	...	95
...	...	117.80	Providence	...	...	...	117.80
...	...	117	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	...	...	117
...	...	117	H.K. Docks (New)	...	...	...	117
...	...	126	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	126
Mining							
...	...	17/0	Kailans	...	...	...	17/0
...	...	88	Rauba	...	...	...	88
...	...	11 cts.	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...	11 cts.
Lands, Hotels and Buildings							
...	...	33.30	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	...	33.30
...	...	332	H.K. Lands	...	...	...	332
...	...	11 1/2	Do. 4% Debentures	...	...	...	11 1/2
...	...	33.20	Shanghai Land	...	...	...	33.20
...	...	18.80	H.K. Realities	...	...	...	18.80
...	...	98	Humphreys	...	...	...	98
Cotton Mills							
...	...	40	Eco (S.)	...	...	...	40
...	...	200	Shai Cottons (S.)	...	...	...	200
...	Zong Sing (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	...	...
Public Utilities							
...	...	116	H.K. Tramways	...	...	...	116
...	...	77	Peak Trams (old)	...	...	...	77
...	...	33	Peak Trams (new)	...	...	...	33
...	...	554	Star Ferries	...	...	...	554
...	...	224	Yamat Ferries	...	...	...	224
...	China Lights (O)	...	...	...	...
...	...	11.97	China Lights (New)	...	...	...	11.97
...	...	41.15	H.K. Electric (New)	...	...	...	41.15
...	...	41.15	H.K. Electric (Old)	...	...	...	41.15
...	...	112	Macao Electric (Old)	...	...	...	112
...	...	112	Macao Electric (New)	...	...	...	112
...	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...	...
...	Telephones (old)	...	...	...	...
...	Telephones (new)	...	...	...	...
...	Spore Tractions (Ord.)	...	...	...	...
Industrials							
...	...	30	Cold, Macg. (Ord.) S.	...	...	...	30
...	...	25	Cold, Macg. (Prof.) S.	...	...	...	25
...	...	31	Canton Ice	...	...	...	31
...	Cement	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Ropes	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...	...
...	4% Loan	...	...	...	...
...	3 1/2% (1934)	...	...	...	...
...	3 1/2% (1940)	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous							
...	...	118	Dairy Farms	...	...	...	118
...	...	77	Entertainments	...	...	...	77
...	...	11.60	Constructions (old)	...	...	...	11.60
...	...	31	Constructions (new)	...	...	...	31
...	...	77	Lane Crawfords	...	...	...	77
...	...	22.15	Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	...	22.15
...	...	1102	Sincere	...	...	...	1102
...	...	42	Ch. G. S. 1925 G.S. Bds	...	...	...	42
...	...	33	H.K. Wing On	...	...	...	33
...	Shai Wing On	...	...	...	...
...	...	7.70	Wiro Piling	...	...	...	7.70
...	...	6/8	Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)	...	...	...	6/8
...	...	2/8	Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)	...	...	...	2/8
...	...	11.90	Wm. Powell	...	...	...	11.90
...	China Lights (Rights)	...	...	...	...
...	18ale to Shanghai	...	...	...	...

Japan's
Cellophane
Industry

The cellophane industry in Japan, which had been making smooth progress, gradually took an adverse course with the outbreak of the China Incident and today general chaos is looming due to difficulties in obtaining the necessary materials and to the dullness in export to the third Powers.

Though many ups and downs were witnessed, the industry expanded with each year and in July, 1936, eight companies, including the Japan Cellophane Co. formed a Co-operative Sales Company under joint account to enforce general control.

In July, 1937, however, the hostilities with China broke out, and with the gradual decline in demand, the industry indicated a downward tendency with the result that the Co-operative Sales Company was obliged to dissolve in the summer of 1938.

Later on, a favourable trend was again witnessed as a result of restrictions on the use of "material pulp" co-operation among the manufacturers through institution of the Japan Cellophane Manufacturers Association. Increase in exports to the Yen Bloc and to third Powers. For the last three years, however, because of the shortage in materials, a remarkable decline in production has been indicated.

PULP CUT DOWN

Until October last year, the allocation of pulp to the cellophane industry was 515 tons per month, but in the following month, the quantity was cut down to 412 tons. The production of cellophane from 1 ton of pulp is ordinarily 55 reams, which means that the total output of cellophane during November in Japan was only 22,860 reams. As the combined output in Japan is 55,000 reams per month, the figures shows that only 40 per cent. of the manufacturers are continuing business while the remaining 60 per cent. have been obliged to suspend operations.

There is, of course, the 100 tons of pulp which was allocated apart from the above figure through the special link-system; but even then, the total output was 28,160 reams, half of the manufacturers still remaining idle.

A five year plan was established for increased production of pulp, but this cannot be relied upon at the present moment. Attention been turned on pulp produced in Manchoukuo, but due to advances in the cost of wood and in transportation, materials from this source are likewise considered a difficult problem for the time being.

As the import of pulp from European countries has been rendered practically impossible due to the expansion of the war, further aggravation of the material condition is anticipated.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
MARCH 5, 1941.

On London:	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/3 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/3 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:	
On demand	430
On Singapore:	
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:	
On demand	102 1/2
On India:	
Telegraphic Transfer, 3/2 1/2	
and demand	
On New York:	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/8	
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 7/8	
On Batavia:	
On demand	45 1/4
On Paris:	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saigon:	
On demand	104 1/2
On Manila:	
On demand	48 1/4
On Bangkok:	
On demand	146 1/2
On Sterling Notes:	
Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	93 3/8

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Wednesday, Mar. 5.
Silver prices rose 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries the quotations being 23.3/8 for Ready and 23.5/16 for Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being steady with practically no business. American Silver was quoted at 34.3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403-1/2.

MARKET

Steady but dull.

STERLING

No business was reported. There were sellers at 1/3 for near and forward, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

A small business was done during the course of the morning at 24 1/16 for March and April. The market closed with sellers at 24 1/16 for near and probably March, buyers at 24 1/2 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Opened with sellers at 443 1/2 with business done at 444-444 1/4 and 444 3/8. The market closed with sellers at 444 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Opened with sellers of Sterling at 3.3/8 and the last rate received was 3.23/64 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 1/2 and closed at 5.15/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Mar. 5. (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates	
	Opening
London	0/3-5/16
New York	5-3/8
Japan	22-3/4
India	18-3/8
Paris	nominal
Hongkong	22

Sterling Sellers	
	Closing
Spot	0/3-3/8
Mar.	0/3-3/8
Apr.	0/3-23/64
U.S. Dollars	
Spot	\$5-1/2
Mar.	5-1/2
Apr.	5-15/32
Market	Quiet.

Silver Duty Rate
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/20.
The Equalization rate was 24 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Mar. 4. (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Mar. 4. (Reuter).

Govt. 3 1/2% Rupee, 94-12-0.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Mar. 4. (Reuter).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, 2265-1/8.
Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, 2264-1/4.
Market steady. Prices rallied on consumer and speculative purchases.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, March 4, 1941.

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	10.41	10.36	10.38	10.39	01 up
New York Rubber, May	21.01	20.78	20.70b	21.00	30 up
Chicago Wheat, May	83 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2	1 up
Chicago Corn, May	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	61 1/2	1 up
New York Hides, June	13.34	13.19	13.23	13.30	07 up

NEW YORK COTTON		Opening	Closing	Change
March	10.41/41	10.40/40	10.42/42	01 up
May	10.38/38	10.36/36	10.39/39	01 up
July	10.30/30	10.28/28	10.30/30	unch.
October	9.95/95	9.94/94	9.99/99	04 up
December	9.93/93	9.93/93	9.97/97	04 up
January	9.91	9.92/92	9.95/95	04 up
Spot	10.83		10.79	04 off

Total sales Monday:—52,400 bales.

The last notice day for March Cotton is 14/3/41.

NEW YORK RUBBER		Opening	Closing	Change
May	20.70b	20.66b/80a	21.00/00	30 up
July (New contract)	20.20/20	20.20b/24a	20.41b/50a	21 up
September	19.97b/20.00a	20.09a	20.20b/25a	23 up
December	19.80 N	19.95a	20.00 N	20 up

Total sales:—430 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT		Opening	Closing	Change
May	82 1/2/82 1/2	82 1/2/82 1/2	83 1/2/83 1/2	1 up
July	78 1/2/78 1/2	78 1/2/78 1/2	79 1/2/79 1/2	1 up
September	78 1/2/78 1/2		unquoted.	

Monday's sales:—9,565,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN		Opening	Closing	Change
May	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	1 up
July	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	1 up
September	59-7/8b		60 1/2/60 1/2	1 up

NEW YORK HIDES		Opening	Closing	Change
June	13.23/27	13.19/20	13.30/30	07 up
September	13.23/24	13.20b/30a	13.30/30	07 up

Total sales for the day:—39 contracts.

NEW YORK COCOA		Opening	Closing	Change
May	6.21 N	6.21/21	6.25/26	04 up

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3		Opening	Closing	Change
May	2.18b/20a		2.17b/19a	01 off
July	2.22b/23a		2.22b/23a	unch.

Volume of business done:—202 lots.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4		Opening	Closing	Change
May	76b/76a	75b/76a	75b/76	004 off
July	80b/80a	80b/80a	78b/79a	011 off

Volume of business done:—32 lots.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES		Opening	Closing	Change
July	11.72b/82a	11.72b/90a	11.89b/90a	17 up
N.Y. Official silver	34-3/4		34-3/4	
N.Y.-London Cross Rate	4.03-1/2		4.03-1/2	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Mar. 4.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952)	103 1/2
Defence Loan, 3%	101-5/16
London-K'loon Rly. 5%	11
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan, 1898 (Brit. Issue)	42
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/41	40-44
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1903	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	24
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	31
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	8-10
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5%, Loan	47
Honan Rly. 5%	14
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	14
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	12
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	12
S'hai-N'K'ing Rly. 5%	14
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	12
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	23 1/2
Jer. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	6
Chartered Bank	7-13/16
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	73
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	75
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	17-1/2
Chosen Corporation	4-1/2
Mercantile Bank of India, 25, "G"	11-1/8
Pekin Syndicate	1/8
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.	12/6
S'hai Waterworks "A"	12
Union Insurance	24
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	15/9
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	11 1/2
Great Western Rly.	32 1/2
National Bank of India	32 1/2
B.A. Tob. (bearer)	87/8
Dunlop Rubber	32 1/2
Bristol Aeroplane	10/3

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Business recorded during the morning was only meagre.

BUYERS

H.K. Banks, \$1340.	
Union Ins., \$413.	
Providents, \$5.75.	
Lands 4% Debentures, \$97.50.	
Trams, \$16.50.	
Lights (O), \$6.15.	
Telephones (N), \$8.80.	

SELLERS

H.K. Banks, \$1345.	
Union Ins., \$417.	
Cements, \$16.95.	
Watsons, \$10.70.	

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Wednesday, March 5, 1941.

SALES	
Cements	250 @ \$16.95
Humphreys	556 @ 6.70
	500 @ 6.70
	1806
The total value is \$19,762.70.	

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Mar. 4. (Reuter).

Silver—Little buying but few sellers. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was very quiet with practically no business. Spot, 23-3/8d.

Forward, 23-5/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Mar. 4. (Reuter).

Market—Steady. Offtake 75 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 63-01

Mar. 24 Settlement 62-14

Apr. 22 Settlement 62-14

Imperial Chemical Ind. 29/9

United Steel 21/-

Woolworths 51/7 1/2

Maruman Investments 6/6

Western Holdings 9/3

Sub-Nigel 145/-

Shell Trans. & Trad. 43/8

(bearer)

—bid

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

MARCH 5, 1941.

STOCKS		Last Sale	STOCKS		Last Sale
		Mar. 4			Mar. 4
Adams Express	5 1/2		Loew's Inc.	32	
Allegheny Steel Co.	21		Loft Incorporated	18 1/2	
Allis Chalmers	29		Mack Truck Inc.	26 1/2	
Aluminum Ltd.	72 1/2		Martin, Glen L.	25 1/2	
Amer. Can.	84 1/2		McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	25 1/2	
American Cyanamid E.	33 1/2		Montgomery Ward	37 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign Power	13 1/2		M'tain City Copper Co.	3	
Amer. & Foreign 7 1/2 pf.	15 1/2		National Aviation	8 1/2	
Amer. Locomotive	13		Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2	
Amer. Metals Co.	17 1/2		National Distillers	20 1/2	
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2		National Lead	15 1/2	
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2		Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2	
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	40 1/2		National Supply Corp.	5	
Amer. Sugar Refining	14 1/2		New York Central	12 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	16 1/2		Niagara Hudson Power	21 1/2	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	69		N. American Aviation	14	
Amer. Waterworks	5 1/2		North American Co.	15 1/2	
Anacosta Copper	24 1/2		Northern Pacific	5 1/2	
Atchafalca T. & S. Fe.	23 1/2		Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	43	
Aviation Corp.	34 1/2		Pacific Gas & Elec.	26 1/2	
Baldwin Locomotive	15		Packard Motors	23	
Baltimore & Ohio	34 1/2		Pan-American Airways	12 1/2	
Barber Asphalt Co.	8 1/2		Paramount Pictures	11 1/2	
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2		Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	35		Phillips Petroleum	38 1/2	
Bethlehem Steel	78 1/2		Public Service of N.J.	26 1/2	
Bills & Co.	15 1/2		Pullman Inc.	23 1/2	
Boeing Airplane Co.	153		Pure Oil	7 1/2	
Borg-Warner	18 1/2		Radio Corp. of Am.	44	
Briggs Mfg.	21 1/2		Reading Company, Com	13 1/2	
Budd M'facturing Corp.	31		Remington Arms Co., Inc.	48 1/2	
Canadian Pacific R'way	38 1/2		Republic Aviation Corp.	38 1/2	
Case, J.I.	46 1/2		Republic Steel	19 1/2	
Celanese	23 1/2		Revere Corp.	8 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio	40 1/2		Reynold Tobac. "B"	32	
Chrysler Corp.	68 1/2		Safeway Stores	39	
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Copperweld Steel	14 1/2		Standard Brands	6 1/2	
Curtiss Wright (C.)	8		Stand Gas & Elec.	1 1/2	
Curtiss Wright "A"	28 1/2		Standard Oil of California	17 1/2	
Deere & Co.	20		Standard Oil of N.J.	34	
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	15 1/2		Stone & Webster	6 1/2	
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Elec. Power & Light 7 1/2 pf.	29 1/2		Union Bag & Paper Corp.	103	
Flintkote	13 1/2		Union Carbide & Carbon	65	
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Glidden Co.	13		United Gas Corp.	11/16	
Goodrich (B.F.)	13		United Gas Improvement	84	
Goodrich 5 1/2 pf.	59 1/2		U.S. Industrial Alcohol.	22 1/2	
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Inter. Paper & Power	14		Westinghouse Elec.	94 1/2	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	2 1/2		Woodward Iron Cor.	27 1/2	
Johnsman	58		Chase National Bank	31 1/2	
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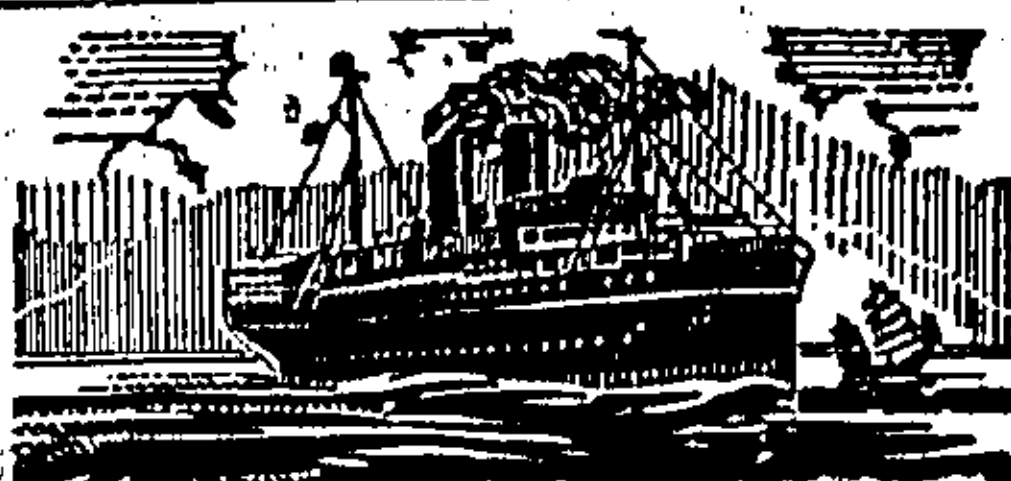
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RADIO PROGRAMMES

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Trots — Here Comes the Sandman. Remember Me? (both from Mr. Dod. takes the Air). Waltz—A Gift from Heaven. Rumba—Spanish Jake (from Transatlantic Rhythm). Fox-Trot—It's the Natural Thing to Do (film Double or Nothing).

8.00 Local Time Signal Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Reginald Foort at the Organ. The Whistler and His Dog (Pvor). By The Blue Hawaiian Waters (Kotelsky). The Vision of Fuji-San (Kotelsky).

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 Variety with Fred Astair and Ginger Rogers.

Vocal—I Used to be Colour Blind (film Carefree)—Fred Astair with Orchestra. Barrel-Organ—Water, Candy and Liquor (Spanish Barge's Song)—Zabala. Vocal—The Piccolino (film Top Hat)—Ginger Rogers with Orchestra. Barrel-Organ—Life in Spain (Nieta)—Zabala. Vocal—Ballerina (Boots)—The Old Bassoon (Ashlyn)—The Three Musketeers with Piano. acc. Clarinet—Somebody's Wrong (Ursell)—Ern Pettifer with Piano and Guitar. Vocal—Isn't This a Lovely Day (from Top Hat)—Ginger Rogers with Orchestra. Vocal—Bonjourns of Harlem (film Swing Time)—Fred Astair with Orchestra and Piano.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—I Concentrate on You. I've Got My Eyes on You (both from Broadway Melody of 1940)—Les Brown and His Orchestra. Tangos—Trapo Viejo; Horas Fugaces—Orquesta Tipica. Fox-Trot—Fools Rush In: Slow Fox-Trot—Arm in Arm—Ambrose and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—April Played the Fiddle (film If I had my Way)—Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Jill Never Felt You: Waltz—Lilac of Louvain—Jack White and His Band.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 London Relay—To Talk of Many Things.

10.15 Billy Thorburn at the Piano.

Waltz Medley—Intro: Whispering Waltz; You got the best of the bargain; Am I the first one? Fox-Trot Medley—Intro: Little old Lady: Please remember: So many Memories: Waltz Medley—Intro: Giannina Mia: Don't forget the old folk at home: When I heard the Organ play.

10.25 Musical Comedy "Yes, Madam"

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11.00 Close down.

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NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Summary 4.00 p.m.
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Transmission V—News Summary 6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin 7.00 p.m.
do. 8.00 p.m.
do. 12.00 mid-night

Trans. II & III—News Summary 7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

H.K. JUNK STOPPED AND ROBBED

That Japanese sailors had boarded a Hongkong-registered junk and took away cargo to the total value of \$7,250 was reported to the Police.

Chan Yat-sau and Leung Hin-ming, masters of the junk, stated that while they were sailing in Chinese waters about 8 a.m. on February 28 their craft was stopped by a Japanese schooner, No. 8, and the cargo taken away. The junk was later set free.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 60 and the minimum 58. Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 10.88 inches against an average of 58.

The Royal Observatory report states:—The anti-cyclone is moving slowly eastward and pressure is highest over Korea and the western part of the Sea of Japan; the depression remains to the northeast of Hokkaido.

LAST MONTH'S RAIN

A total of 5.87 inches of rain was recorded at the Botanic Gardens during the month of February. Falls were recorded on 17 days, the highest recording, 2.23 and 1.48 inches, being taken on the 15th and 19th respectively. No rain fell on 11 days.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory.

Barometer, (at sea level) 30.16 ins.

Temperature, 59 F.

Humidity, 72 per cent.

Wind Direction, EAST

Wind Force (Beaufort) 6

Temperature: maximum yesterday 60 F.

Temperature: minimum last night 53 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st 10.88 ins.

Against an average of 3.23 ins.

Sunset tonight, 6.28 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.40 a.m.

4 p.m., March 5.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.03 ins.

Temperature, 59 F.

Humidity, 75 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.

Maximum temperature, 60 F.

Minimum temperature, 58 F.

Rainfall, nil.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.03 ins.

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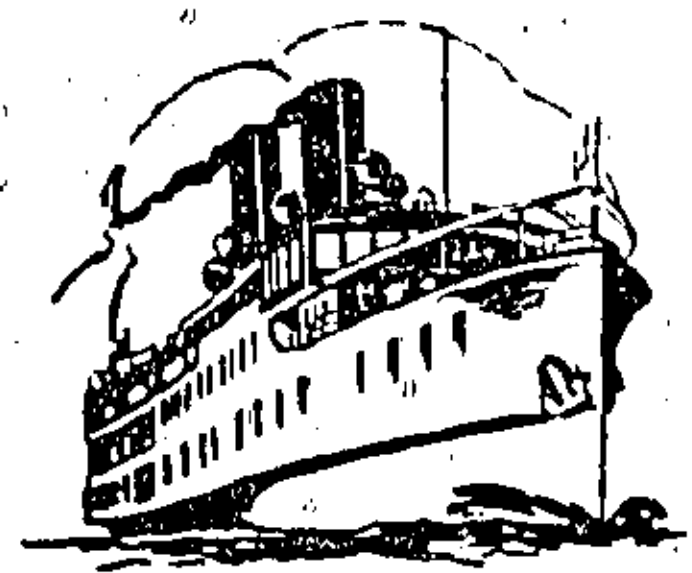
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Rainfall, nil.

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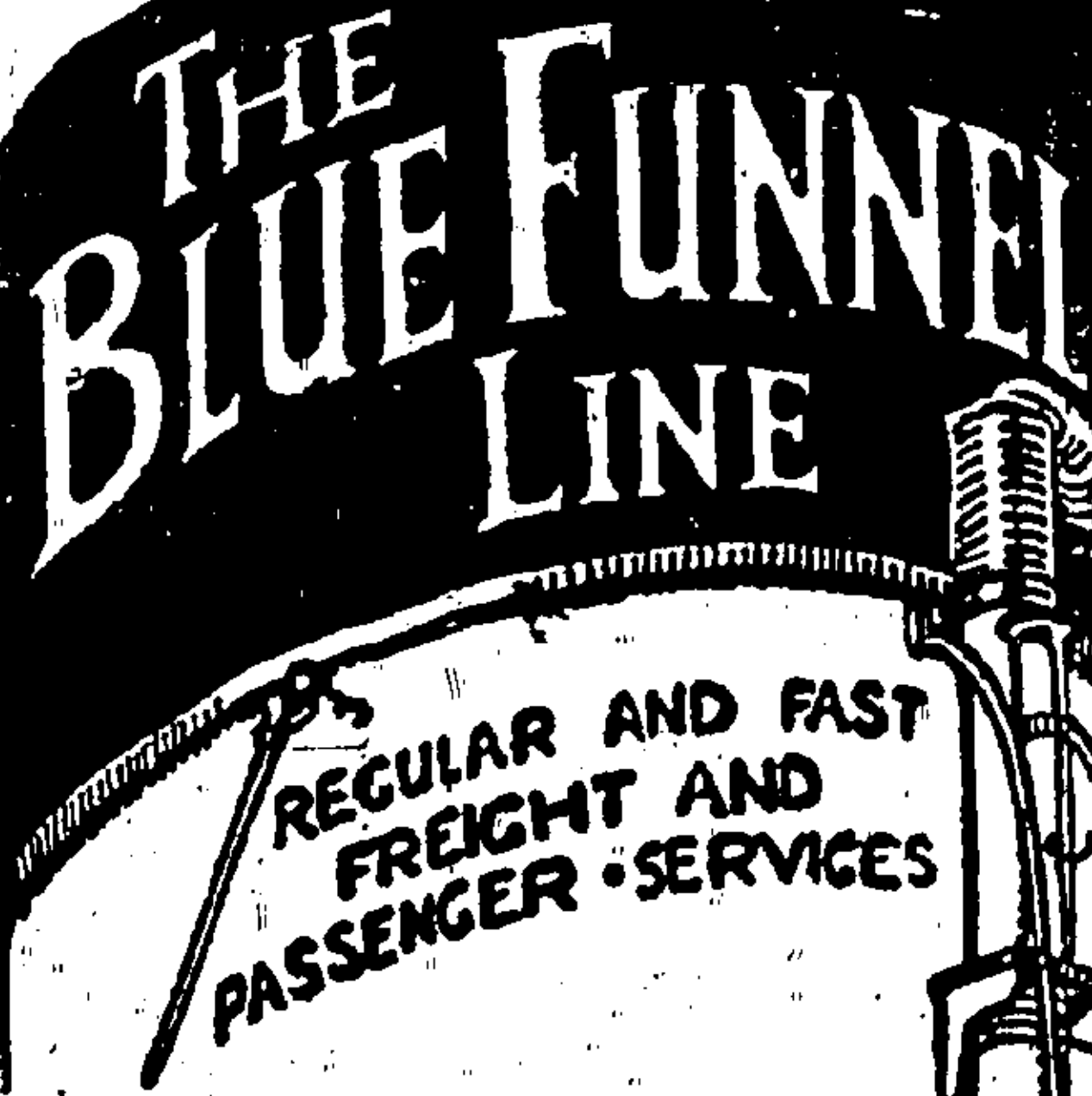
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**HITLER FACES CRUCIAL
PROBLEM IN ITALIAN
DISCONTENT WITH WAR**

As this is written, there is yet no confirmation of the Belgrade report that widespread rioting has broken out in Milan and other cities of Northern Italy, and that German troops have been active in quelling it. Nor is any direct confirmation likely, writes "The General" in The American magazine "T.M."

Until that is obtained, it would be wise to take this particular report with the usual grain of salt. Belgrade, its source, is one of the more prolific rumour factories in Europe today. While the account may have some basis in fact, it is almost surely exaggerated. It may even have no foundation at all. Berlin's denial of the report has no bearing because Berlin would have to deny it in any case.

RISE IN DISCONTENT
It is reasonable to believe, however, that the lengthening string of Italian disasters in Greece, Albania, Libya and East Africa is finding an echo in rising discontent in Italy itself. This is not unimportant.

Developments in Italy undoubtedly still have a long way to go before they reach the stage that they have in Rumania. But Italy seems to be headed along some what the same road.

Although Rumania may be quiet today, it is not likely that Gen. Antonescu's—or the Nazis'—troubles there are over. What that means militarily is that the Rumanian sector of the German rear at least is not yet secure.

ITALY ANOTHER RUMANIA?
The same thing may become true of Italy as well in the next few months though Hitler has apparently so far been able to avoid direct military intervention in Italy's internal affairs despite the Belgrade reports to the contrary. The kind of help the German chancellor has been giving his ally—planes for the Mediterranean and planes and technical forces in Albania—may not, however, turn the tide in the Italian favour and thus ease Mussolini's difficulties at home. More drastic action may become necessary.

The point is this: Hitler will run more and more into the same spirit of rebelliousness and discontent throughout the continent as the war drags on. While the Reichswehr is intact, there is no change of any successful attempt to burst the Nazi straightjacket in any country on the continent. But the need for keeping large garrisons in half the cities of Europe and thus spreading

his armed forces will be of no help to the Fuehrer.

AXIS PRESTIGE HIT
In the case of Italy, it would seem particularly important for Berlin to prevent a further spread of discontent if possible. Events in Italy are bound to be reflected in loss of Axis prestige in France, Spain and Portugal.

Thailand: The predicted Japanese intervention in the conflict between French Indo-China and Thailand (Siam) is taking the form of Japanese "mediation." The word mediation is put in quotation marks advisedly. Mediation by the Japanese is simply intervention on the side of Thailand.

As a result, Thailand is likely to get back the provinces of Cambodia and Laos, taken by the French before the first world war, and the scene of the fighting in this last month. Three main developments can be expected from this settlement:

1. Bangkok's tie to Japan will be strengthened measurably.

2. Japan is not likely to overlook the possibility of demanding a "fee" from Indo-China, as well as from Siam, in the form of further military co-operation for her services as "mediator."

3. The triumph of Thai nationalism may have repercussions in other colonial countries in the Far East, which would not simplify Britain's task of holding on to her Eastern empire.

A DISSENT
Eire: An invasion of Eire by the Nazis as a preliminary to attack on England has long been generally predicted. I would, however, like to enter a dissent.

It is not unlikely at the time the Germans launch an attempt to invade England, if they do, that the Nazis will make a feint at Ireland for the purpose of distracting British attention. But I cannot see use of Eire as a main invasion base because it would put a second body of water, the Irish Sea, between the Germans and their English objective. The Germans will have trouble enough crossing the English Channel without gratuitously doubling their difficulties.

**Yugoslav
Reservists
Summoned**

VICHY, Mar. 5 (Reuter)—Yugoslav reservists of 1891 to 1919 classes have been summoned to report to learn where they will be posted in the event of mobilisation, says a Belgrade despatch.

Posters announcing it were put up in Belgrade today. It is emphasised that this is not a mobilisation measure, the despatch adds, although a certain number of reservists have been called up throughout the country for periods of training.

**GOLDFISH HELP
IN SCIENTIFIC
TRIUMPH**

Chief Plant Pathologist F. C. Bawden, of Rothamsted Experimental Station, England, has achieved a scientific triumph.

His collaborator was a goldfish. Studying crinkles and leaf-roll, badly potato diseases, this investigator secured evidence that they are caused by plant parasites so small that no microscope will reveal them.

Mr. Bawden decided to secure visibility by mass. He incubated the organism (viruses) in liquid until there were billions of them.

SPECIAL LIGHT
He then held this vessel before a special light. It revealed nothing. The billions of plant death-dealers remained invisible.

Perhaps they would be visible if all pointed in the same direction, like logs on a river?

Mr. Bawden decided to experiment. He was faced with the problem of creating within the glass vessel containing the viruses riverlike streams of moving water.

SCARE ON TRAM

When nearing Percival Street while travelling along Hennessy Road, at 8.15 last night, passengers on tram-car No. 96 were given quite a scare when dense smoke was seen coming out of the fuse-box. The tram was immediately stopped and the passengers made a hurried exit.

The defect was, however, soon remedied and the tram was able to proceed on its way minus passengers.

TRAMS IN TOW

A peculiar scene was witnessed in Des Voeux Road Central at 8.15 last night, when two trams were seen in tow followed by a long line of other trams.

Investigation revealed that the tram being towed had been disabled for some time in Connaught Road West.

It took no less than an hour before normalcy was restored.

**QUEEN'S TRIBUTE TO
SALVATION ARMY**

Salvation Army headquarters in Britain have cabled to local headquarters thanking the Malaya Patriotic Fund for their recent gift of £5,000. The cable also tells of the work that the Salvation Army is doing among the troops in Britain and for air raid victims. The cable states:—

The Salvation Army have been asked by the Government to run a special train canteen for servicemen on the London-Glasgow line. So successful has this been that they have now extended this to the London-Edinburgh service. Complete buffet arrangements have been placed at the Salvation Army's disposal by the authorities.

At a recent reception given by the Speaking Union, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth met General and Mrs. Carpenter and in conversation, paid high tribute to the work of the gallant Slum Sisters of the Salvation Army.

Her Majesty said: "I pray that they may be preserved;

**H.K. AND CHINA
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**DR. J. W. ANDERSON
NEW PRESIDENT**

The Hongkong and China Branch of the British Medical Association held its annual general meeting in the School of Anatomy, University of Hongkong last evening, with Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke in the chair.

A report on the activities of the past year was read by the Hon. Secretary, Dr. A. W. Dawson-Grove. Dr. D. J. Valentine, Hon. Treasurer and Librarian, reported on the financial year 1940.

NEW OFFICERS
The new officials elected are: Dr. J. W. Anderson, President; Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Vice-President; Dr. A. W. Dawson-Grove and Dr. D. J. Valentine, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, respectively; Council: Dr. E. W. Kirk, Dr. G. D. R. Black, Prof. Gordon King, Col. J. T. Simson, R.A.M.C., Dr. Lee Ha-leong and Dr. T. P. Woo.

It was proposed by Dr. Woo that the Association should associate itself with improving the health situation in the Colony.

Supporting the proposal, Prof. R. C. Robertson remarked that the Association should lead the Medical Department and other bodies in tackling the Colony's health problem, especially cholera.

FIGHT T.B.
Dr. Anderson, in a brief address, referred to the duty of the Association and said, "Our duty is to fight tuberculosis and other diseases caused by over-crowdedness in the Colony."

It was announced that Dr. I. Newton, of the Medical Department would give a talk on "The three Legs of the Operating table: Some thumponal Sketches of medical History" at the Queen Mary Hospital on March 28.

**France Sets
Temple On
Mountain**

Surrounded by impressive snow-capped peaks of mountains, some 12,000 feet high, a tiny church, the highest in France was inaugurated recently on top of the Huez peak, one of the mountains in the Oisans region of the French Alps.

A dwarf among giants, the little church was specially constructed to resist the heavy layers of snow which will cover it part of the year. Rural in style, it is built entirely of wood. The foundations alone are of concrete. Inside the church, pillars made from the trunks of trees divide into three naves and hold up the framework of the roof.

SLOPING ROOF

Light is obtained through windows constructed into the sloping roof, which itself is covered with slate tiles brought from quarries in one of the neighbouring mountains of Maurienne.

Not to be outdone by bigger temples of worship nearer the ground, the little church has a steeple, which is also covered with slate tiles, which present a beautiful sight when the rays of the sun play upon it.

The interior of the church is all done in rich panels. The first mass to be celebrated in this little church was held by Mgr. Caillot, the Bishop of Grenoble.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 6th MARCH, 1941, 8.30 A.M.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—
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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 4th March	11th Mar.
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Janton	14th Mar.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 8th March	15th Mar.
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Calcutta and Straits	21st Mar.
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Saigon	5.30 PM
K.P.O.	
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Ord.	5.30 PM
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Parcels	4.00 PM
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Ord.	7.00 PM
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Ord.	4.30 PM
SUNDAY	
Canton	Sun. 9th 5.00 PM
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Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	3.30 PM
K.P.O.	
Parcels	4.00 PM
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
G.P.O.	
Parcels	4.00 PM
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	7.00 PM
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	
TUESDAY	
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Reg.	10.30 AM
Ord.	11.00 AM
G.P.O.	
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Reg.	10.30 AM
Ord.	11.00 AM

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